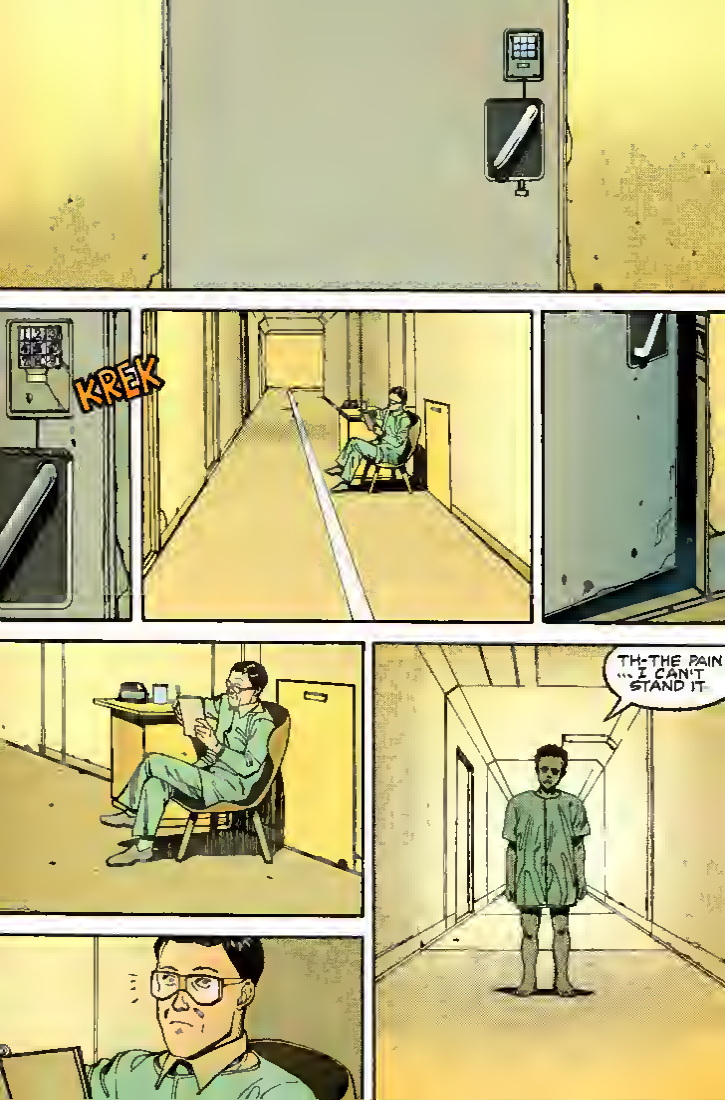
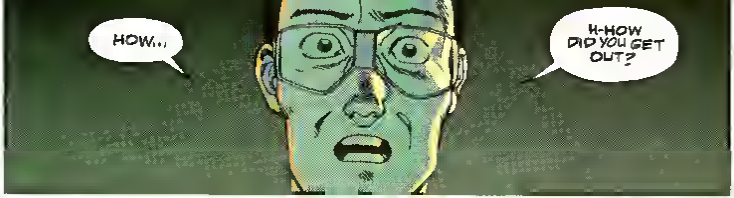
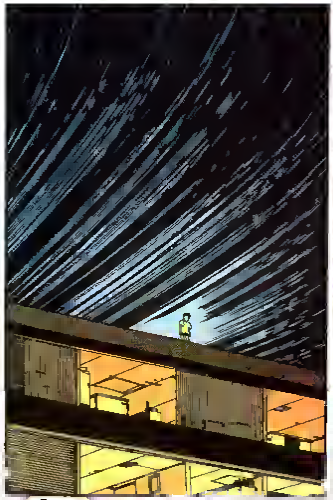
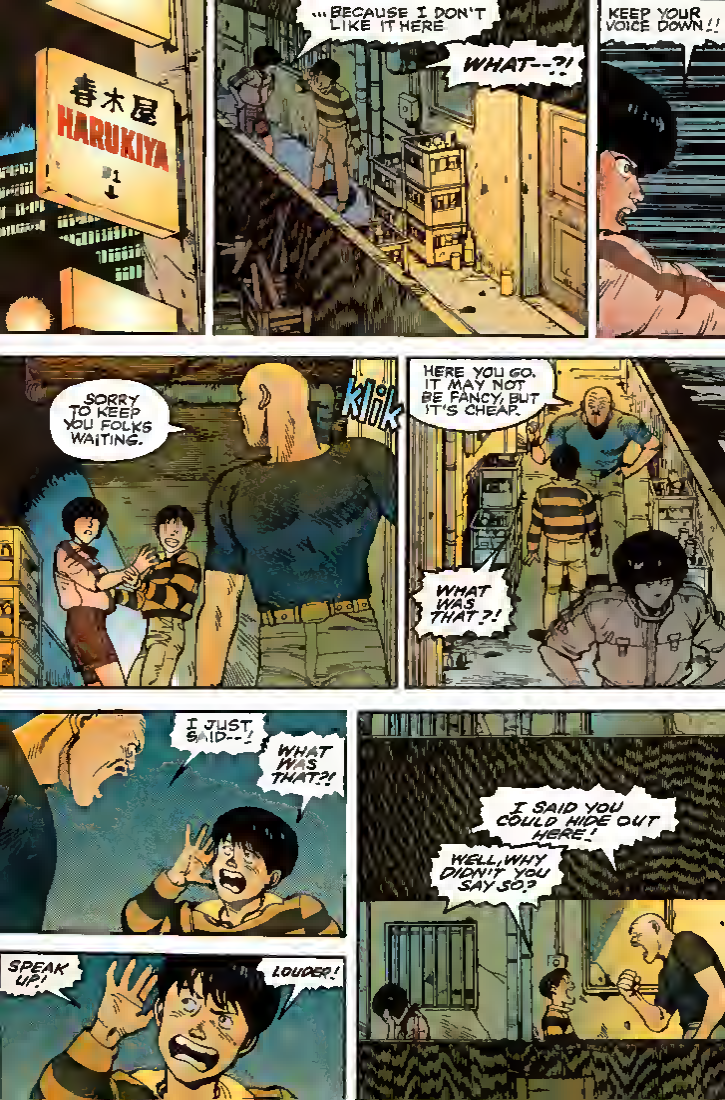
AKIRA
BY KATSUHIRO OTOMO
2
BOOK TWO


KREK
TH-THE PAIN ... I CAN'T STAND IT


HOW...
H-HOW DID YOU GET OUT?



OOOH
UUUUU


春木屋
HARUKIYA
...BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE IT HERE
WHAT--?!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU FOLKS WAITING.
klik
HERE YOU GO. IT MAY NOT BE FANCY, BUT IT'S CHEAP.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I JUST SAID--!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I SAID YOU COULD HIDE OUT HERE!
WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
SPEAK UP!
LOUDER!

pad
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
rruuuuum
PUFF
PUFF

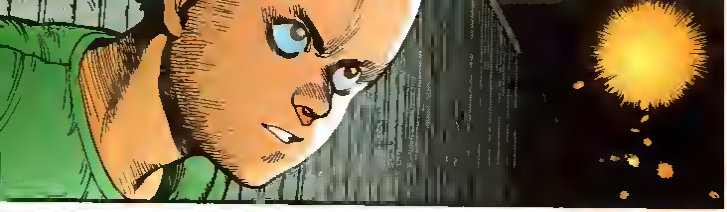
RRRuuuuuuuM
RuuuuuuuuM
?!
Chik
HEY!
VRRRN
VRRRN

YOUR OPINION?
BEYOND ANYTHING I EXPECTED!
FOR HIM TO AWAKEN INTO SUCH POWER IN SO SHORT A SPAN OF TIME...
I BELIEVE #41 IS THE NEXT AVAILABLE DESIGNATION...?
HE MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SERIES AND ASSIGNED HIS OWN NUMBER

VRRRN
VRRRN
COME ON. HE'S ALL YOURS.
YOU PUNK! I'M GONNA BEAT YOU...
...TILL YOU'RE BEGGIN' ME TO DIE.
chik
YOU SHOULDA KILLED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE...
...BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

STOP IT!!
MY HEAD IS SPLITTING...
NAW... IT ISN'T SPLITTING YET ...
...BUT IT'S GONNA BE!!
SWOOSH
CHING

!
LOOK!
YAAGH!
THOG
H-HEY, WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?
CAREFUL!!
MY EYES!!!
WATCH THAT KID... HE'LL UP TO SOMETHING WEIRD!!
AAAHE
KREEK

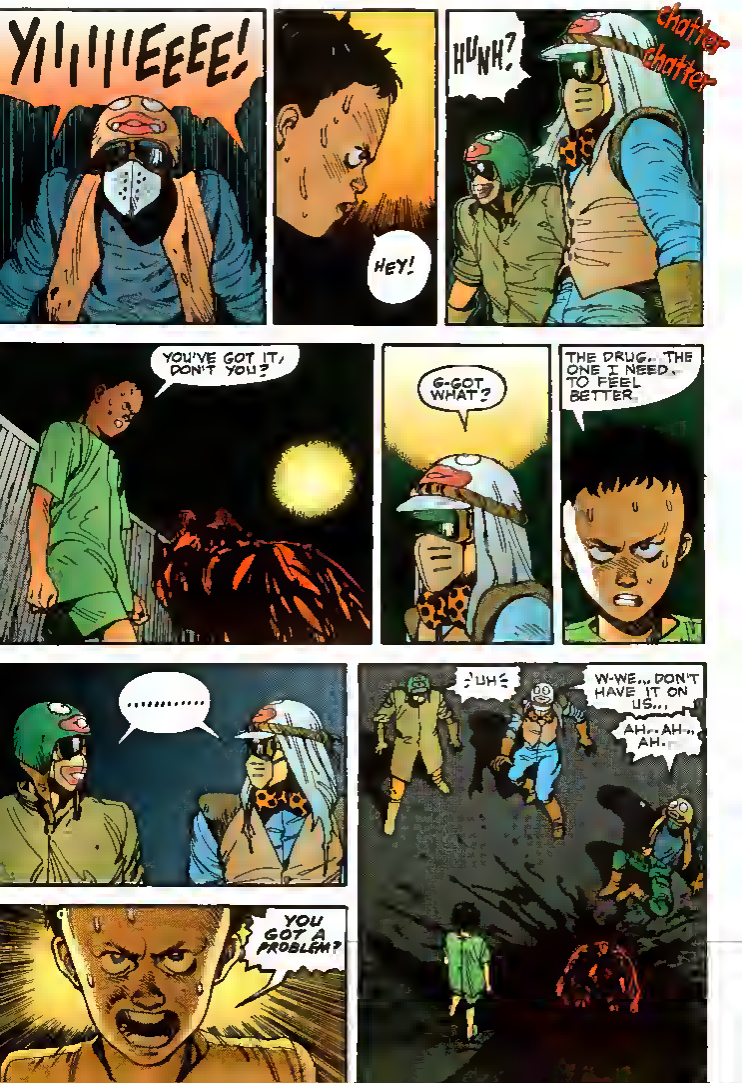


GUSH
AUGH!

OH, GOD!!

GROSS...

Y'KNOW, MY HEAD DOESN'T HURT A BIT ANY MORE HOW'S YOURS?


YIIIIEEEE!
HEY!
HUNH?
chatter chatter
YOU'VE GOT IT, DON'T YOU?
G-GOT WHAT?
THE DRUG... THE ONE I NEED... TO FEEL BETTER.
.....
YOU GOT A PROBLEM?
HUH?
W-WE... DON'T HAVE IT ON US...
AH.. AH.. AH..

GOD DAMN IT!
THE HEADACHES COMING BACK... STRONGER. LIKE I COULD DIE FROM IT!
?
DAMN!
WAIT--!
!
LET HIM GO, STUPID!
WE'LL GET YOU WHAT YOU NEED!
ARE YOU LOSING IT? SHUT UP!!
PUFF
PUFF

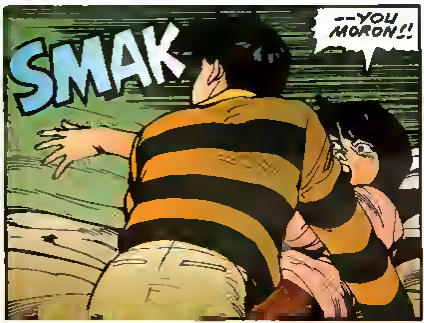
HARUKA
KEEP THIS DOOR LOCKED
I LOVE YOU
HAPPY NEW YEAR
...NOT ONE BIT. THIS ROOM IS A PIGSTY... A CLAMMY PIGSTY!
AND THAT SMELL...!
I SUPPOSE YOU WERE EXPECTING A SUITE AT THE PLAZA.
NO WATER, NO TOILET, THE CEILING SO LOW WE CAN HARDLY STAND UPRIGHT
IT'S A RATHOLE!

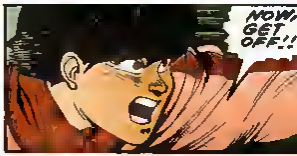
SO, WHAT'S THE STORY ON THAT RYU GUY, ANYWAY?
WHAT'S HE TO YOU?
HE'S MY BROTHER.
BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE YOU.
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
?
OH, BUT IT IS, IF ONLY YOU KNEW THE THINGS I'D IMAGINED.
MOVE THAT HAND OR LOSE IT.
YOU DON'T MEAN THAT.

EYAAAAH!
MMPH!!
AWOOOO!!

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

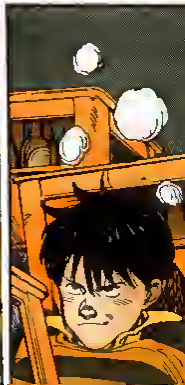
YOU'RE TAKING THIS JOKE TOO FAR--

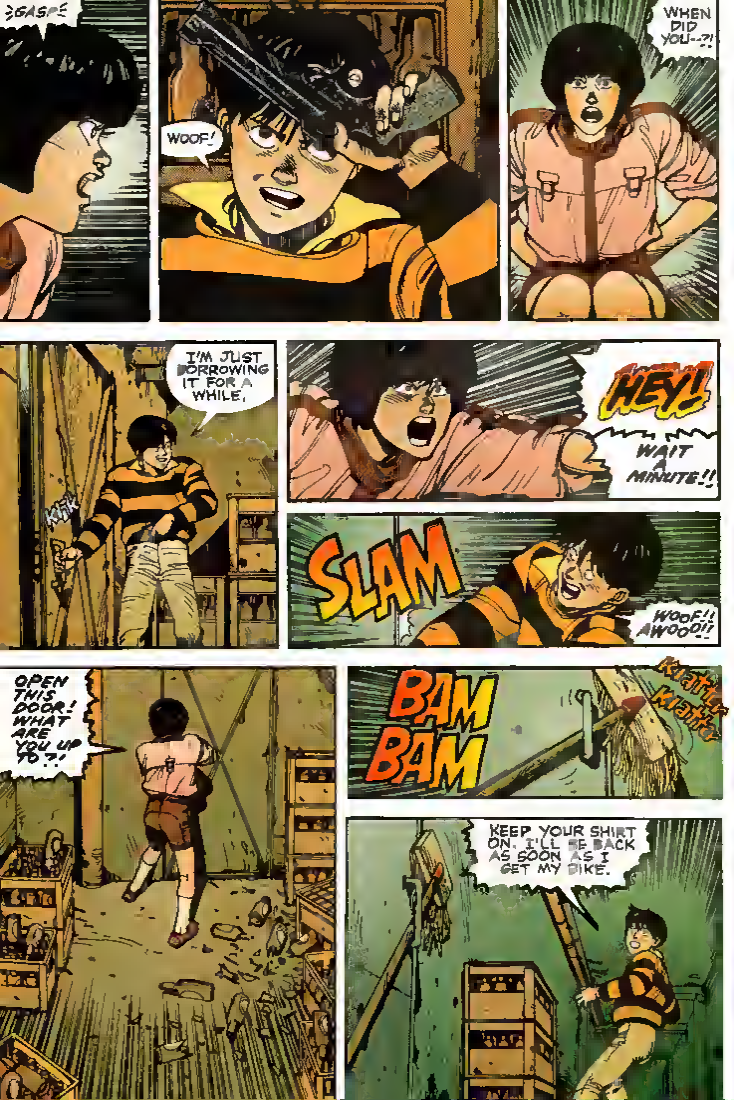

SMAK
--YOU MORON!!


NOW GET OFF!!

CRASH
CLATTER

I WARNED YOU.




GASP!
WOOF!
WHEN DID YOU--?!
I'M JUST BORROWING IT FOR A WHILE.
KSHK
HEY!
WAIT MINUTE!!
SLAM
WOOF!! AWOOO!!
OPEN THIS DOOR! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?!
BAM BAM
KLATTER KLATTER
KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON. I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I GET MY BIKE.

SKREEEE
HEY! WE'RE HERE!
I SAID...
SHUT UP! IT MAKES MY HEAD HURT WHEN YOU TALK.
WHAT'S JOKER GONNA SAY ABOUT IT?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
IS HE NUTS BRINGING THAT WEIRDO HERE?
CAREFUL DON'T TRIP IN THE DARK
ZI A BOWLING
LIFE'S A BITCH!

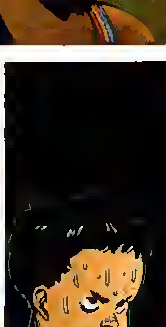
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CHIP'S HEAD EXPLODED?!
WHAT KINDA DRUGS YOU BEEN TAKING, BRO!?
SURE IT WASN'T HIS BALLS?
IT WAS HIS HEAD?
SO WHO KILLED HIM?
WELL...
WELL WHAT?!
DID YOU BRING THE KILLER HERE?!
WHERE IS HE?

ARE YOU GONNA KEEP ME HERE ALL NIGHT?!
HUNH? IT'S THE KID WE SKRAGGED FOR BEIN' ON OUR TURF!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?
WELL... THAT KID... HE...
...(Whisper)...
(Whisper)...
HEY!!!
BOOM
YEEEE!!

WHAT WAS THAT?
OH, NO.

YOU PUNK!!

JOKER--!
THINK YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, HUNH?



WELL, I'M GONNA BREAK YOU IN TWO!

PLOOM
?!
PLOOM

YAAAHHH!!
WUSH
KRAK
KRAK
NOW, WHERE ARE MY DRUGS?

PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
IT'S GOTTA BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
I'M GOING UP TO THE STREET LEVEL AND LOOK FOR MY BIKE THERE THAT'LL TAKE LESS TIME
RAT'S ANOTHER CROSSWAY!
rattle rattle rattle rattle
SNAP
WHOA!!
THUD

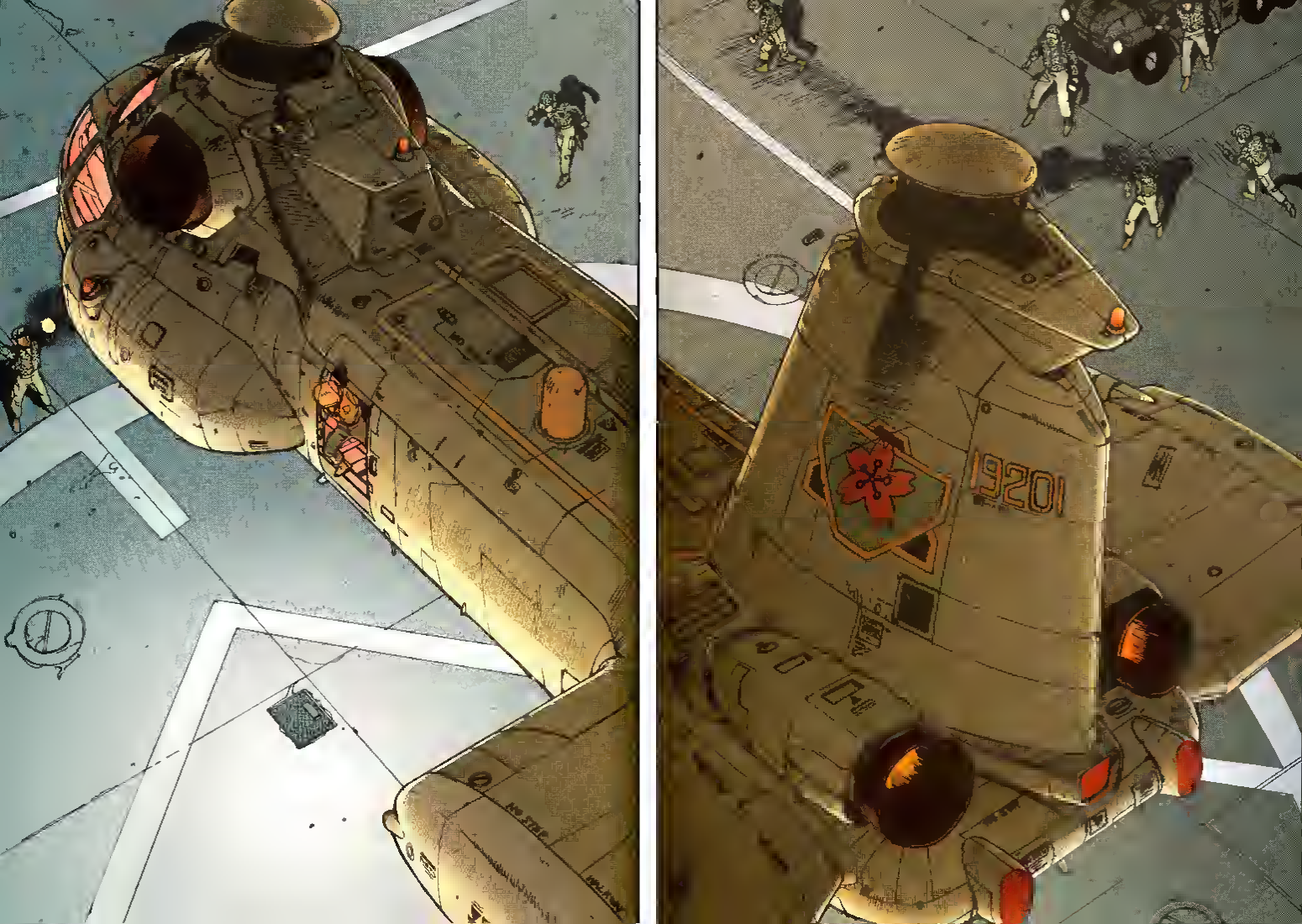
OOOH!!
HE IS SUCH AN...
...JERK!!
UNNFF! NOW... HEY! THIS LOOKS ABOUT RIGHT.
I'M OUT OF HERE EXCEPT... WHY DO I KEEP THINKIN' ABOUT THAT DUMB GIRL?
HHRRR UH
'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK! COM'N!

WHAT TH--? I'M WAY OFF ... THIS IS THE MIDDLE OF THE OLYMPIC SITE
THOUGHT I'D BE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE EAST GATE
OH, WELL...
BETTER KEEP IT DOWN
THIS PLACE IS A REAL PAIN TO GET OUT OF AND IT'S CRAWLING WITH GUARDS
AAH...AAH...
CHOOO!
KLONG
WHAT WAS THAT?
SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM OVER HERE
!

BUDDABUDDABUD
TAK TAK TAK TAK
THE COLONEL HAS LANDED!
THE COLONEL...
BTF-7

WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT? HE'S TAKING ALL OF THEM.
ALL 7! CAN HE DO THAT?!
FER SURE!
$3,500.00'S WORTH GONE, JUST LIKE THAT.
HAVING HIM AS OUR BOSS IS GONNA BE EXPENSIVE!
STOP COMPLAINING... THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STILL ALIVE IS BECAUSE I LET YOU LIVE.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS!
I HAVE TO FIND THAT MORON BEFORE HE RUINS EVERY-THING!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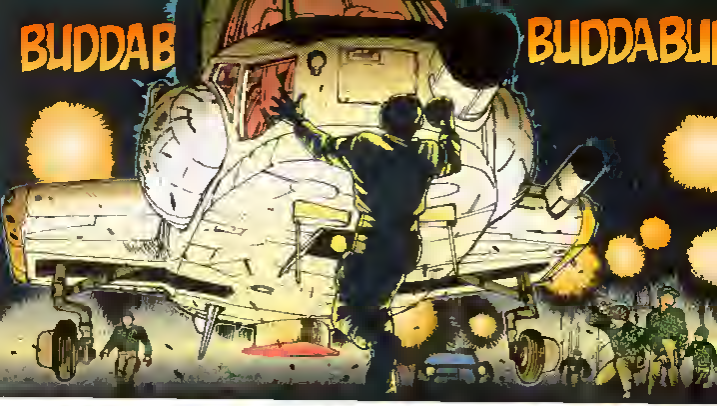
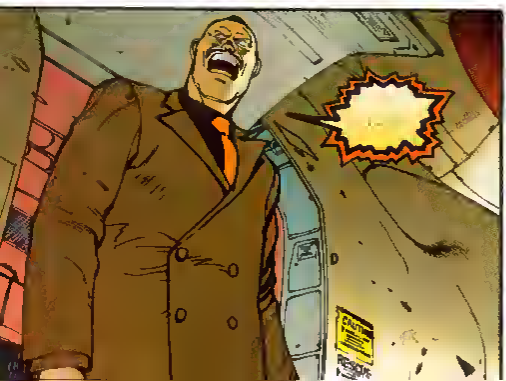

BUDDAB
BUDDABU

COLONEL!

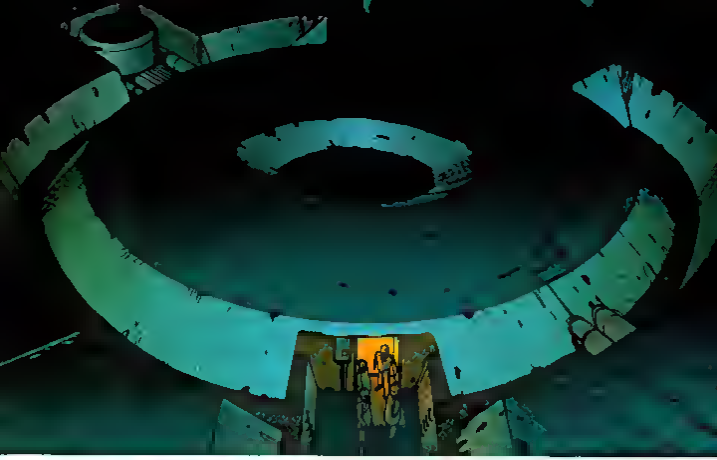

Caution
Explosives

I BEG YOUR PARDON! SIR...?

I CAN'T HEAR YOU OVER THE HELICOPTER, SIR...
WHAT?!
THE LIGHTS, YOU IDIOT!
TURN OUT THE LIGHTS!
YESSIR!
OR DO YOU WANT EVERYONE FOR MILES AROUND TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SECRET BASE?!

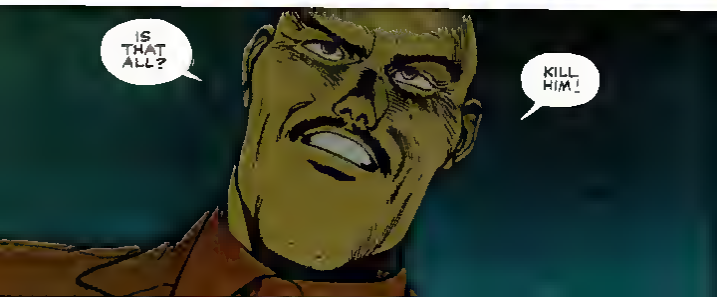
TAK TAK TAK TAK
ME AND MY SHADOW. WHEREVER I GO, THAT SKINHEAD SHOWS UP. BUT... I'M NO FOOL.
I AM OUT OF HERE!
I DON'T WANT TROUBLE.
KLONG

KLANK
ONGONGONG
SHIT!
!
YIPE!
OH, NO!
GU-ULP!
OH, CRAP!!
DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
OVER THERE!!
AN INTRUDER!
HALT! HALT!



WHAT'S WRONG?

THERE'S AN INTRUDER ON THE GROUNDS, SIR.


IS THAT ALL?
KILL HIM!

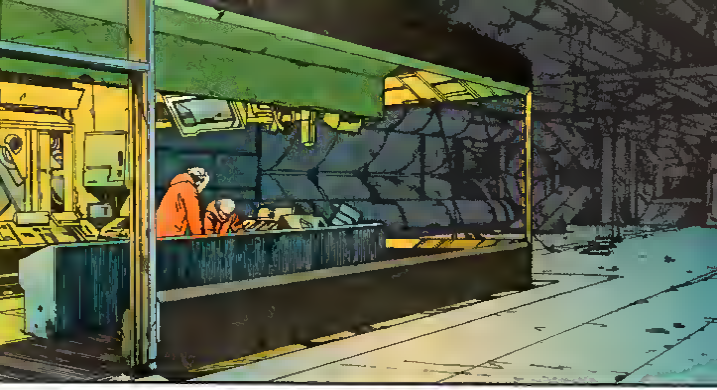
THERE HE IS!!
STOP OR WE'LL SHOOT!!
WOOOOOOOO
NO!!
THE CANAL!!
WE'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED!
SPLASH

GERONIMO!
SPLUNK
DONG
HE FELL IN!
GET DOWN THERE!
CHIT!
gloosh
gloosh
KONG
OW!

BOMBS AWAY!
BLOOSH
GET OFFA ME, STUPID!
PUFF
PUFF
plosh
KA
CHUK
DADADADADA
HE WENT DOWN THE PIPE!!
COVER THE EXIT! KEEP HIM IN THERE! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
I CAN'T SEE A THING!
BRING A LIGHT!
COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN!
K-ZING
K-ZING

WE CAN PROCEED NOW, SIR.
GWONG

YOU'LL NEED TO WEAR ONE OF THESE SIR
COLONEL!
THIS WAY, SIR



LEVEL TEN IS AT 140° KELVIN.* LEVEL NINE, 118° KELVIN.

LEVEL SIX, 62° KELVIN. LEVEL FIVE, 42° KELVIN.

LEVEL THREE, 20° KELVIN. LEVEL TWO, 2° KELVIN.

* 0° KELVIN = -273.15° CENTIGRADE (ALSO KNOWN AS ABSOLUTE ZERO). 148° KELVIN = -125.15° CENTIGRADE.

LEVEL ONE AT .005° KELVIN. WHAT ARE THE READINGS ON THE DEWAR WALLS* OF EACH ROOM?

* DEWAR WALLS -- DOUBLE WALLS WITH INSULATED SURFACES AND A VACUUM IN BETWEEN, USED FOR THE CONTAINMENT OF EXTREME COLD. INVENTED BY SCOTTISH PHYSICIST SIR JAMES DEWAR.

IS EVERYTHING READING NORMAL?

IT'S PERFECT, SIR.

COLONEL?!

COLONEL, WHERE ARE YOU?!

HE'S IN HERE, DOCTOR!

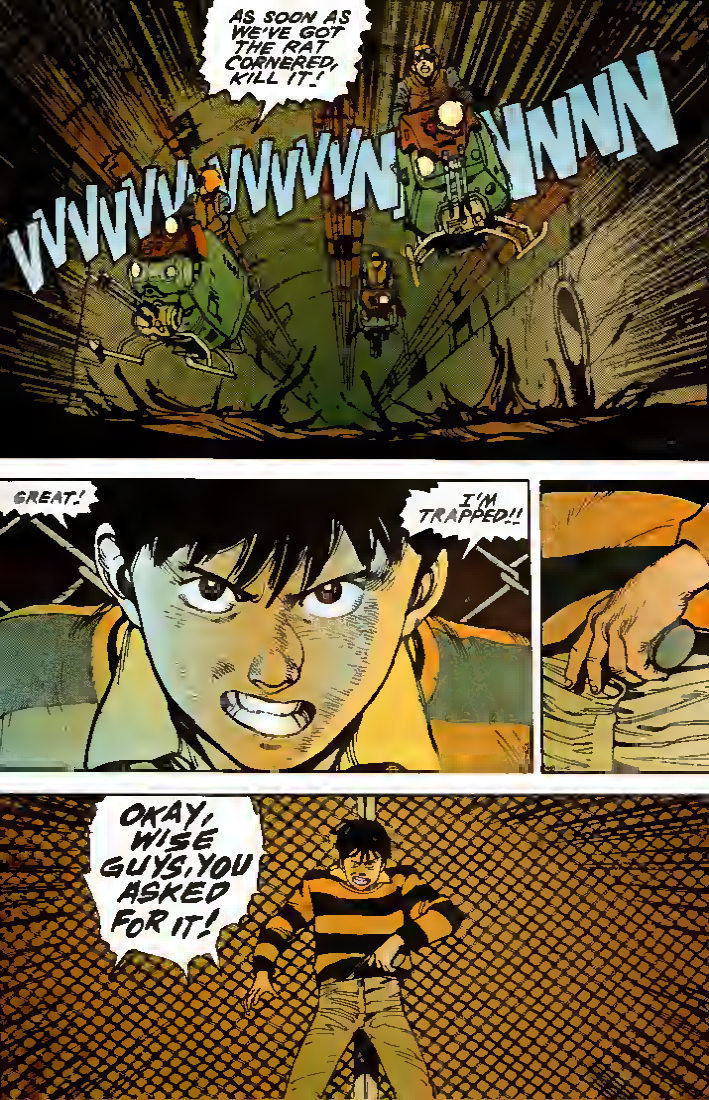
WHAT A DISGRACE! THEY WERE AFRAID... ASHAMED ...
THEY CHOSE TO CONCEAL IT... THEY BURIED THE ROOTS OF A GREAT CIVILIZATION ...
...TURNED THEIR BACKS ON WHAT SCIENCE HAD TO OFFER THEM...

AKIRA
AND TRIED TO SEAL AWAY FOREVER THE HOLE THEY HAD TORN OPEN WITH THEIR OWN HANDS

CHUNK
TAK
FLIM
IF HIS BIKE'S UNTOUCHED, KANEDA NEVER MADE IT HERE.

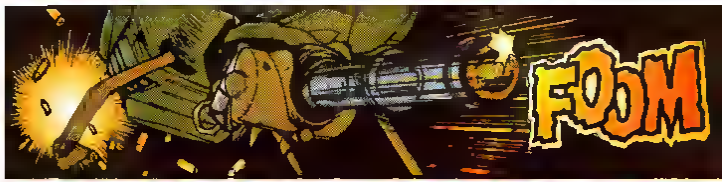
BLOOSH
BLOOSH
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
THOSE GUYS JUST DON'T QUIT.
THAT'S A DEADEND- HE MUST HAVE GONE THIS WAY!
gloosh
gloosh
gloosh
gloosh

SPLUNK
NOW WHERE DO I GO?
!
WHAT IS THAT?!
VVVVVVNNNN
WHAT--?!
VVVVVVNNNN


AS SOON AS WE'VE GOT THE RAT CORNERED, KILL IT!
VVVV

VVVVVNNNN

!


FOOM

THERE HE IS!!

COME AND GET ME SUCKERS!!

TOKATOKATO

HUNH?
POK
AAUGH!!
BOOM
RRRRRR
!
RRRR

RAASH
FWOOH

BLAM

WHOA!

THANK YOU!

FWOOSH
AGGH!

BLOOM
BLAST!!
CHINK
HUNH?
TOKA
TOKA
TOKA
TOKA
HEYY..!

YOU AGAIN?!
THIS HAS REALLY BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS!
Plish
Plish
YIIEE!!
TOKA TOKA TOKA TOKA TOKA TOKA TOKA TOKA
I GIVE UP! YOU WIN! JEEZUS!
HE-E-ELP!!
I CAN SEE THE LIGHT! I'M SAVED!!
WHO'M I KIDDING? NO ONE'S GONNA COME!
UH...?

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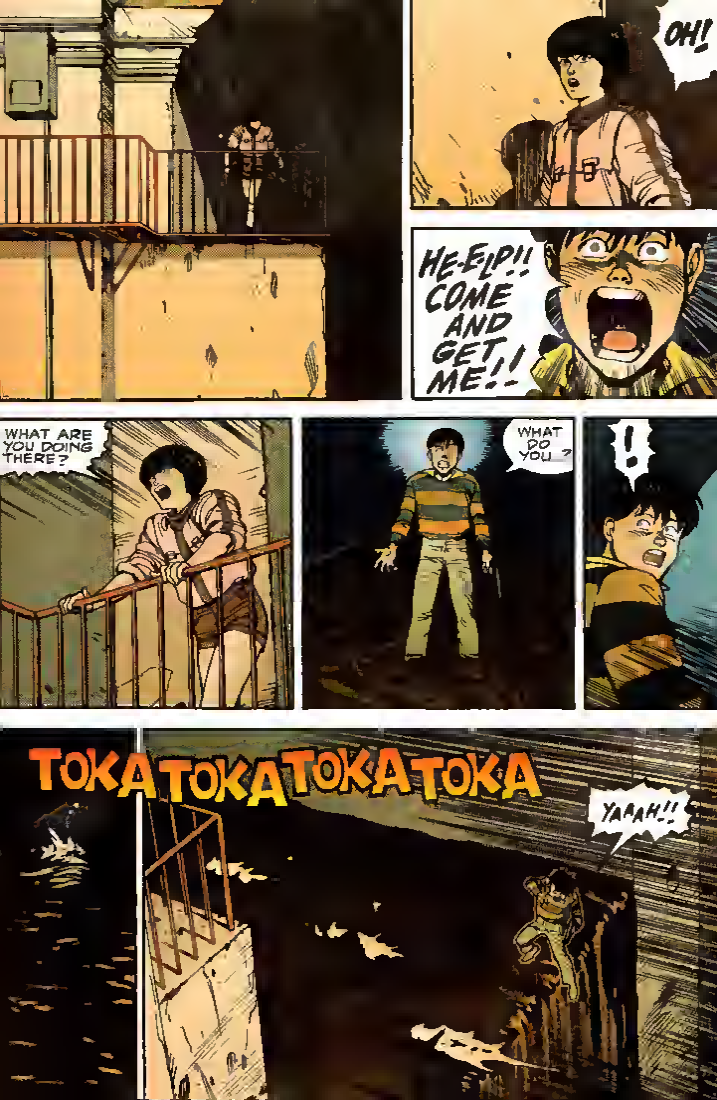
PUFF
PUFF
LOOKS LIKE I'VE SCORED ANOTHER BIG GOOSE EGG...
PUFF
PUFF
GASP


OH!
HE-ELP!! COME AND GET ME!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
WHAT DO YOU...?
!
TOKATOKATOKATOKA
YAAAH!!

BLOOSH
VVVVNNNN
CAREFUL!!
NNGH!
SKLITCH
VVVHOOM
VVVVNNNN
!

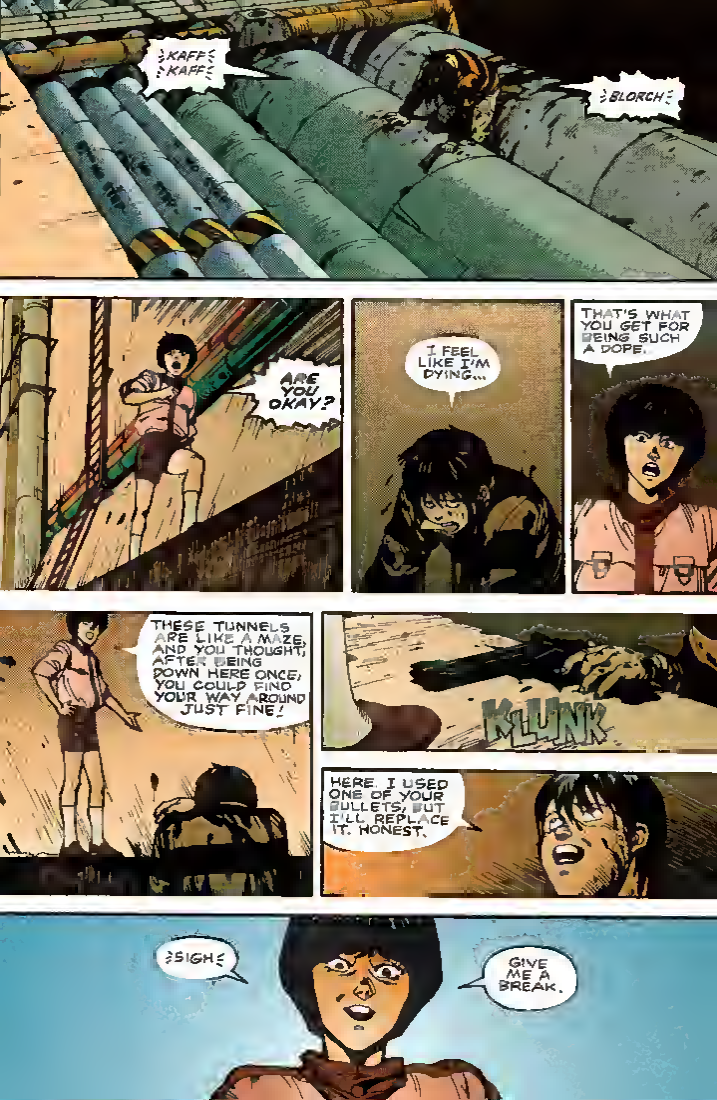
THE ARMY!
YOU MUST BE A FRIEND OF HIS!
SKETCH
OMH!
GOOD! I CAN GET TWO OF YOU FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!
VUUM
SSSHHHH
YAAAAA!
YAAA!
MMPH!
THLUK

HEY!
KLONK
?
SSSHHH
OOOW!!
WHAT IN THE--?!
:OHH!:
GET OFF THERE, YOU LITTLE...
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
SLU
OH, NO!

AAAAH!
AAAAH!
AAAAH!
WWNYN
SPLOOSH
KABOOM

THE INTRUDER MADE IT INTO THE SEWERS, SIR. WE'VE LOST HIM!
B-BUT, WE HOPE SOON--!
I THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN SEALED.
THERE... THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS IN CONSTRUCTION, SIR. A FEW PASSAGES ARE STILL...
I'M SORRY, SIR!
THERE'S NO EXCUSE!
NEVER MIND FIND THE MOUSE AND EXTERMINATE IT.
YESSIR!

I... I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG?
YEAH, ME TOO!
IT WAS LIKE THE COLONEL DIDN'T CARE
BUDDABUD
ABUD


:KAFF:
:KAFF:
:BLORCH:
ARE YOU OKAY?
I FEEL LIKE I'M DYING...
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR BEING SUCH A DOPE.
THESE TUNNELS ARE LIKE A MAZE, AND YOU THOUGHT, AFTER BEING DOWN HERE ONCE, YOU COULD FIND YOUR WAY AROUND JUST FINE!
KLUNK
HERE, I USED ONE OF YOUR BULLETS, BUT I'LL REPLACE IT. HONEST.
:SIGH:
GIVE ME A BREAK.

SEEMS TO BE SAFE. THEY PROBABLY THINK WE'RE STILL IN THERE.

HOW'S THE BIKE?

HOLDING TOGETHER. THE BATTERY'S ALMOST SHOT, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T MATTER.

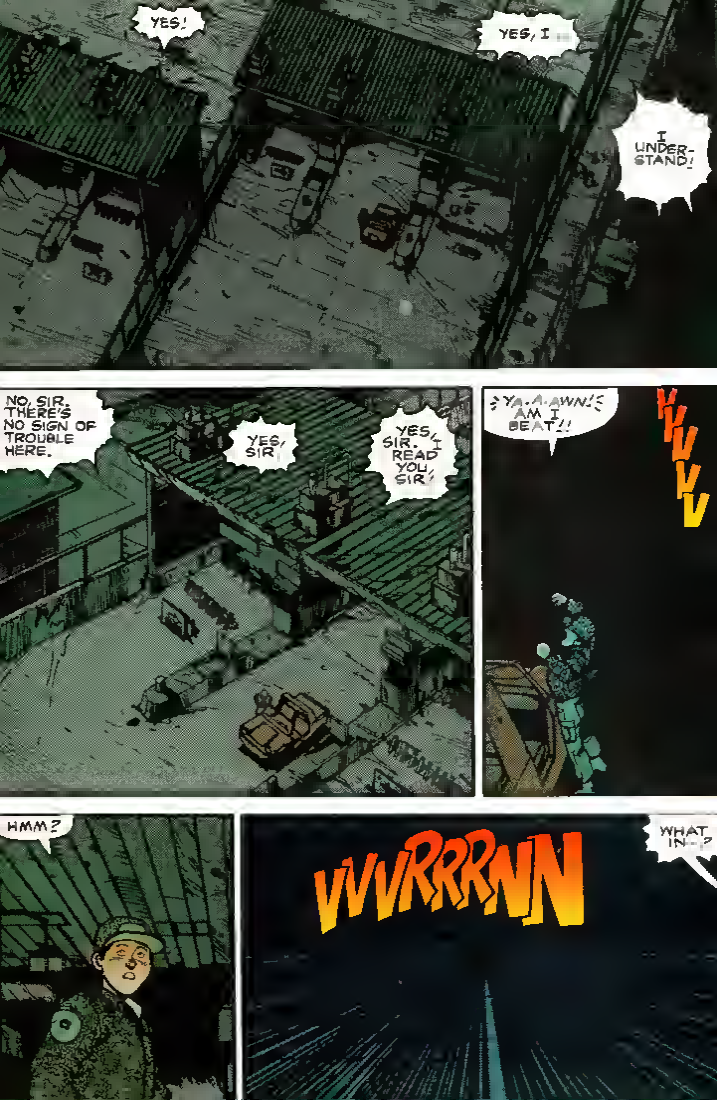
BUT WILL IT TAKE TWO PEOPLE?

UNLESS YOU WEIGH OVER 210 POUNDS, I THINK WE CAN RISK IT.

WE'LL BE FINE.

I THINK
KACHUNK

TAK TAK TAK TAK
HERE GOES!
KLIK
COME ON, STUPID!!
BOP
POW
VRRRNN
WE'D BETTER GET MOVING
HOLD ON TIGHT!


YES!
YES, I
I UNDER-STAND!
NO, SIR. THERE'S NO SIGN OF TROUBLE HERE.
YES, SIR
YES, SIR. I READ YOU, SIR!
¿YA-A-AWN!¿ AM I BEAT?!
VVVVV
HMM?
VVVRRRNN
WHAT IN-?

AH...?
VVVRRRRRN
SO LONG, SUCKER!!
WAIT!!
VVVRRRRN
VVVRRRRRRNNNNN
COME BACK HERE!

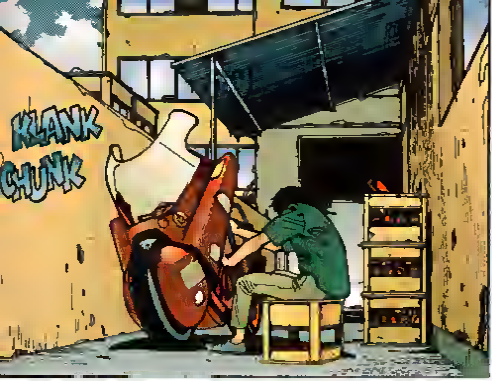
YOU KNOW...
WHAT ?!
YOU REALLY STINK!
SAME TO YOU, SWEETHEART!
WHEN YOU GET HOME, TAKE A BATH!!
I HATE BATHS!!
I CAN TELL!!
I KNOW! LET'S TAKE ONE TOGETHER!
YOU JERK!!
OW!
KNOCK IT OFF, OR WE'LL HAVE AN ACCIDENT

ENTER
NO LADIES' ROOM
HEY!

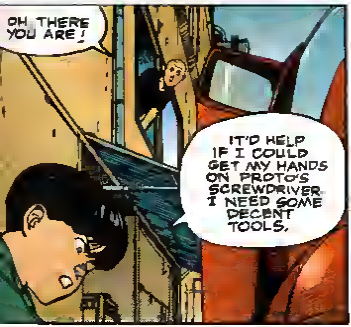
HEY!!

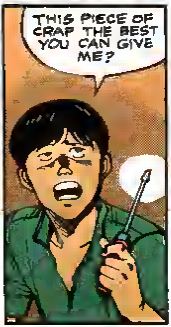
HUNH?

NOW, WHERE IN...?

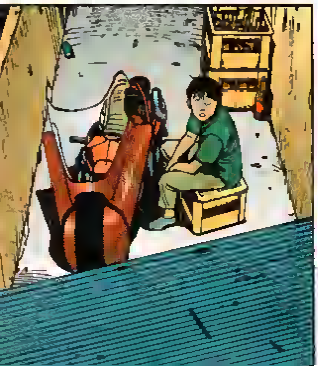

KLANK
CHUNK

HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY!
WHAT A RIPOFF! THE TOP OF THIS SCREWDRIVER IS BROKEN!

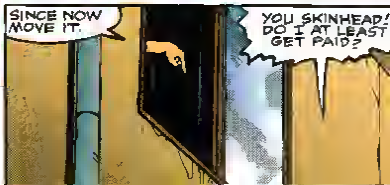

OH, THERE YOU ARE!
IT'D HELP IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON PROTO'S SCREWDRIVER. I NEED SOME DECENT TOOLS.


THIS PIECE OF CRAP THE BEST YOU CAN GIVE ME?

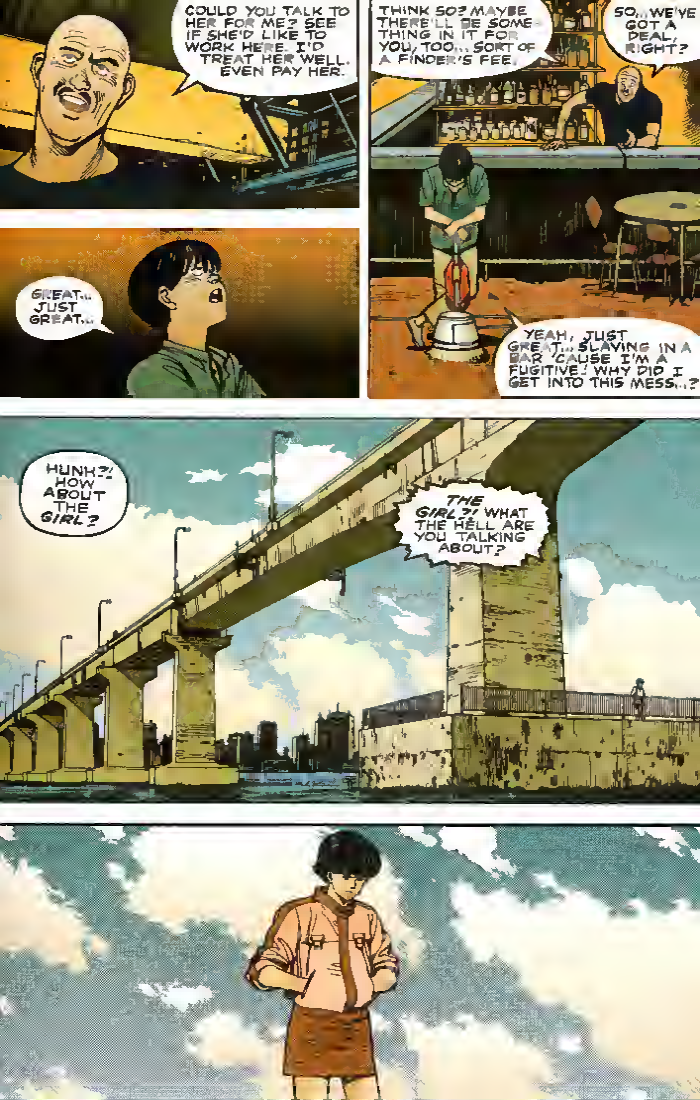
GET YOUR TAIL UP HERE, KANEDA. YOU GOTTA CLEAN THE BAR BEFORE WE OPEN.



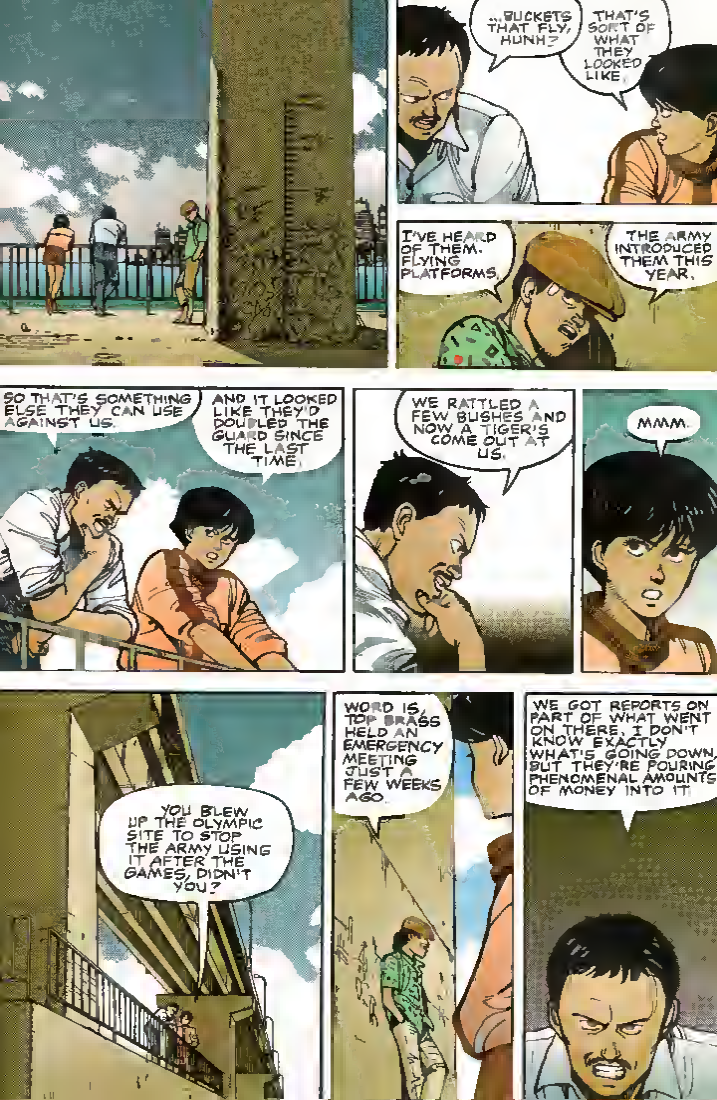
SO SINCE WHEN DID I BECOME YOUR SLAVE?

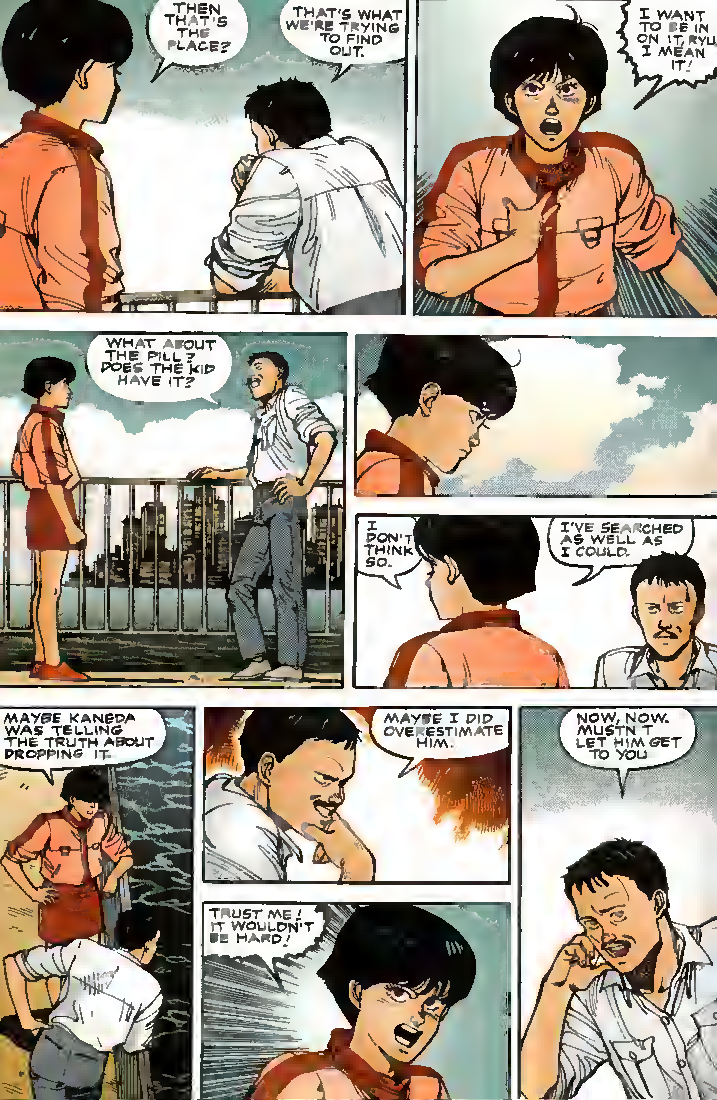

SINCE NOW MOVE IT.
YOU SKINHEAD! DO I AT LEAST GET PAID?

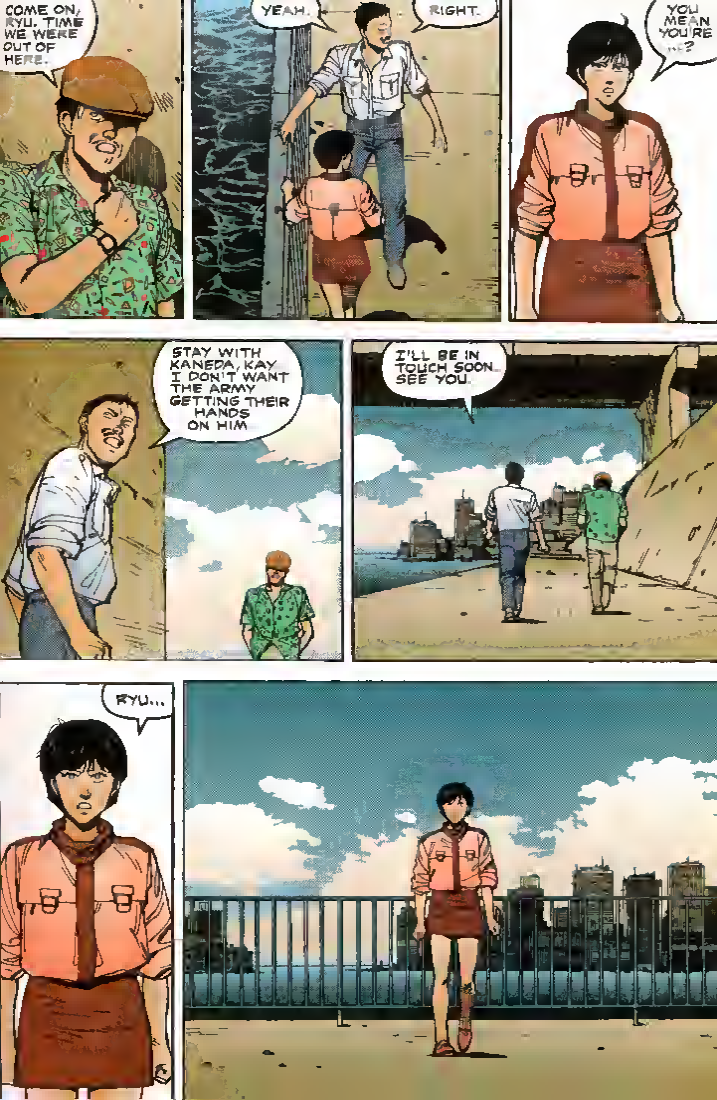
YOU EXPLOIT ME, I EXPLOIT YOU. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU GRIPING ABOUT CONDITIONS HERE WHEN I AGREED TO HIDE YOU AND YOUR GIRL FRIEND FROM THE LAW.
YOU'RE A VULTURE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MY MISFORTUNE.
Hhhrrrrmmm
Hhhrrrrmmm
YOU PROBABLY OWNED SLAVES IN A FORMER LIFE, AND ABUSED THEM.
I BET YOU'D EVEN TAKE THE BLANKET FROM A SICK MAN'S BED.
THAT'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU.
HUNH?
WHERE'D KAY GO?
OUT. SHE SAID SHE WOULDN'T BE GONE LONG.

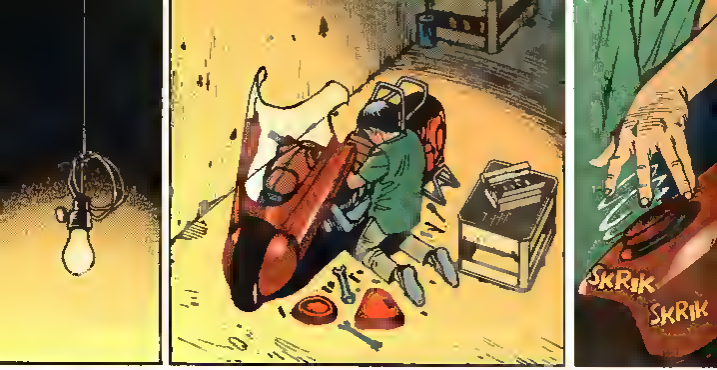

COULD YOU TALK TO HER FOR ME? SEE IF SHE'D LIKE TO WORK HERE. I'D TREAT HER WELL. EVEN PAY HER.
THINK SO? MAYBE THERE'LL BE SOMETHING IN IT FOR YOU, TOO... SORT OF A FINDER'S FEE.
SO... WE'VE GOT A DEAL, RIGHT?
GREAT... JUST GREAT...
YEAH, JUST GREAT... SLAVING IN A BAR 'CAUSE I'M A FUGITIVE! WHY DID I GET INTO THIS MESS...?
HUNH?! HOW ABOUT THE GIRL?
THE GIRL?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH--!
RYU!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED!
YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED..? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN FOR THE PAST WEEK?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?
WHAT, THIS BANDAGE? IT'S NOTHING JUST A SCRATCH.


...BUCKETS THAT FLY, HUNH?
THAT'S SORT OF WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE.
I'VE HEARD OF THEM. FLYING PLATFORMS.
THE ARMY INTRODUCED THEM THIS YEAR.
SO THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE THEY CAN USE AGAINST US.
AND IT LOOKED LIKE THEY'D DOUBLED THE GUARD SINCE THE LAST TIME.
WE RATTLED A FEW BUSHES AND NOW A TIGER'S COME OUT AT US.
MMM.
YOU BLEW UP THE OLYMPIC SITE TO STOP THE ARMY USING IT AFTER THE GAMES, DIDN'T YOU?
WORD IS, TOP BRASS HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO.
WE GOT REPORTS ON PART OF WHAT WENT ON THERE, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING DOWN, BUT THEY'RE POURING PHENOMENAL AMOUNTS OF MONEY INTO IT.


THEN, THAT'S THE PLACE?
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT.
I WANT TO BE IN ON IT RYU. I MEAN IT!
WHAT ABOUT THE PILL? DOES THE KID HAVE IT?
I DON'T THINK SO.
I'VE SEARCHED AS WELL AS I COULD.
MAYBE KANEDA WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT DROPPING IT.
MAYBE I DID OVERESTIMATE HIM.
NOW, NOW. MUSTN'T LET HIM GET TO YOU.
TRUST ME! IT WOULDN'T BE HARD!


COME ON, RYU. TIME WE WERE OUT OF HERE.
YEAH.
RIGHT.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE...?
STAY WITH KANEDA, KAY. I DON'T WANT THE ARMY GETTING THEIR HANDS ON HIM.
I'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON. SEE YOU.
RYU...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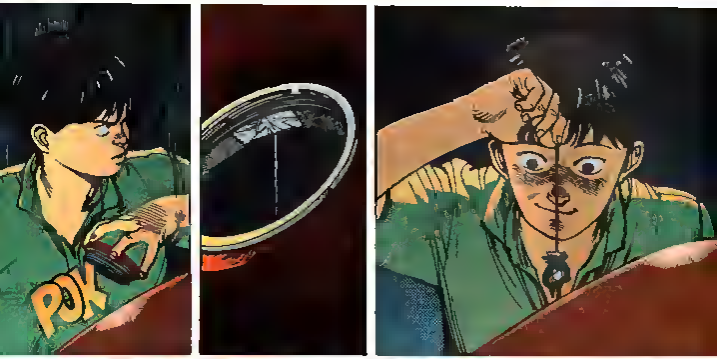
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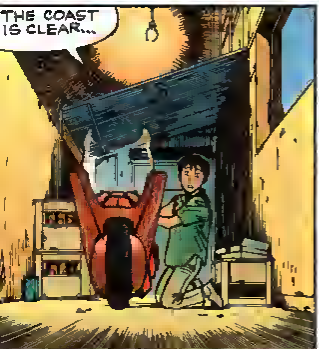
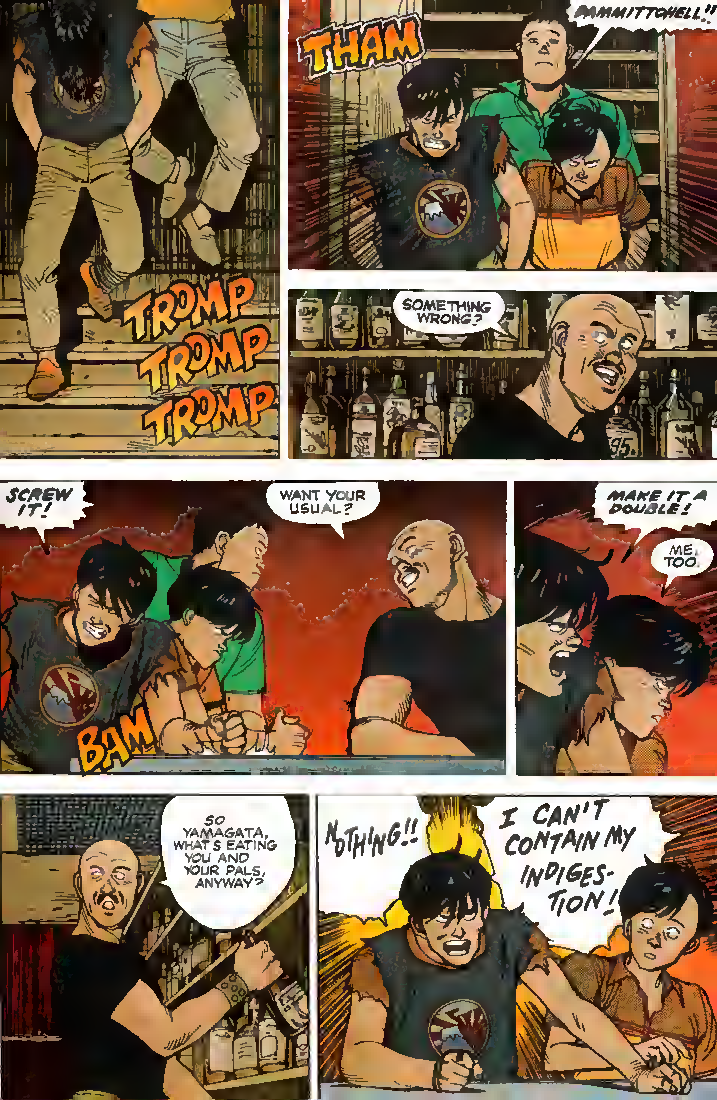

THE COAST IS CLEAR...

NO ONE IN THE WORLD WILL KNOW WHAT I'M UP TO...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

HEH-HEH-HEH...


TROMP
TROMP
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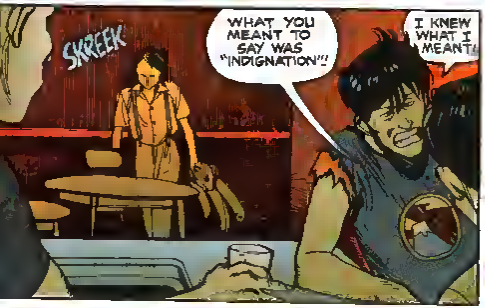
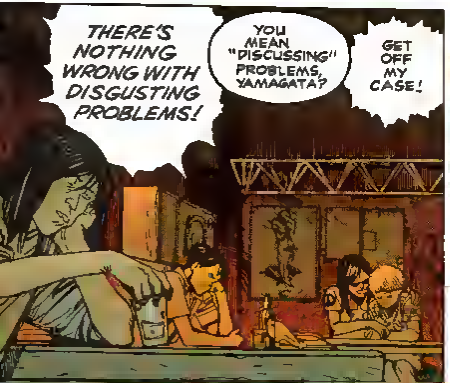
THAM
DAMMITTOHELL!!
SOMETHING WRONG?
SCREW IT!
WANT YOUR USUAL?
BAM
MAKE IT A DOUBLE!
ME, TOO.
SO YAMAGATA, WHAT'S EATING YOU AND YOUR PALS, ANYWAY?
NOTHING!!
I CAN'T CONTAIN MY INDIGES-TION!

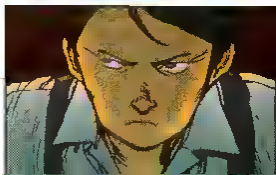
WHO ENTER
CHAPUKIYA

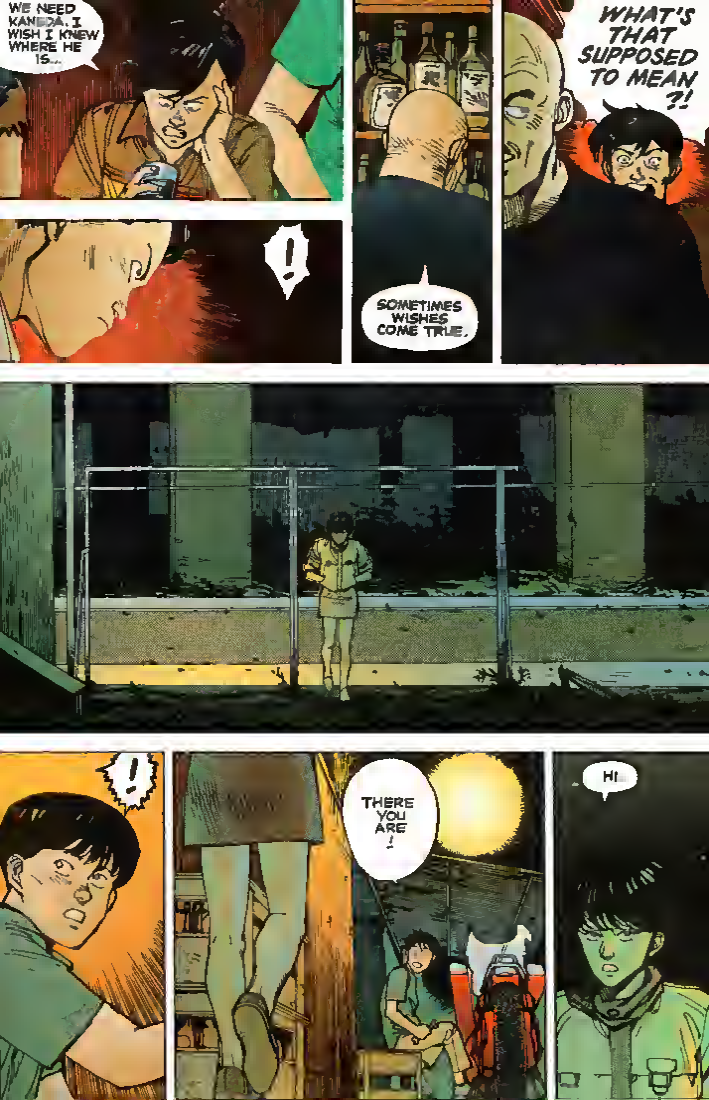
KLIK
SO TAKE A BICARB...
IT'S NOT MY STOMACH THAT'S UPSET! IT'S MY PRIDE!
YOU JERK! CAN'T YOU EVER GET ANYTHING RIGHT?


SKREEK
WHAT YOU MEANT TO SAY WAS "INDIGNATION"!
I KNEW WHAT I MEANT!

A BEER HERE!


THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH DISGUSTING PROBLEMS!
YOU MEAN "DISCUSSING" PROBLEMS, YAMAGATA?
GET OFF MY CASE!




WE NEED KANEDA. I WISH I KNEW WHERE HE IS...
!
SOMETIMES WISHES COME TRUE.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN ?!
!
THERE YOU ARE !
HI

NICE TO SEE YOU MADE IT SAFE AND SOUND.
WHICH MEANS...?
IT WASN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT. YOU WENT OFF TO MEET YOUR BROTHER.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
MIND YOUR MANNERS!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MANNERS?!
EE?!
WHAM
YAA!
WHUD
YOU!!
KANEDA!!
OW!!
GET OFF A ME YOU MORON!

WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?
US? WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WE THOUGHT THEY CAUGHT YOU!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HEY, ISN'T SHE...?
THE GIRL FROM THE OTHER NIGHT, REMEMBER?
HER NAME IS--!
THE HELL WITH HER NAME! CAN'T YOU FORGET ABOUT SEX FOR ONE MINUTE?
YEAH!
KISSY-KISSY!
WHAT'S THE RUSH, YAMAGATA?
CAN'T YOU REMEMBER?!
WHAT, THAT PROBLEM WITH THE CLOWN GANG?
YEAH. THEY'VE BEEN GOING AFTER ALL THE OTHER GANGS LATELY.
ARE YOU KIDDING?
THEY RIP EVERYBODY OFF AND THEN BUY ALL THE DRUGS THEY CAN.

IF THEY'RE SUCH DRUG ADDICTS, HOW COULD THEY BEAT UP HEALTHY GUYS LIKE YOU?
IT'S NOT THEM. IT'S THEIR NEW LEADER.
I THOUGHT THAT LIMP JOKER RAN THE CLOWNS.
SKRIK
SAY WHAT?!
TETSUO IS LEADING THE CLOWNS?!?

KANEDA!
BULLSHIT!
IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER, BUT I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES.
IT WAS DEFINITELY HIM, AND HE WAS DEFINITELY IN CHARGE!
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM AT FIRST. SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM. HE'S CHANGED.
BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
IT WAS HIM, ALL RIGHT!
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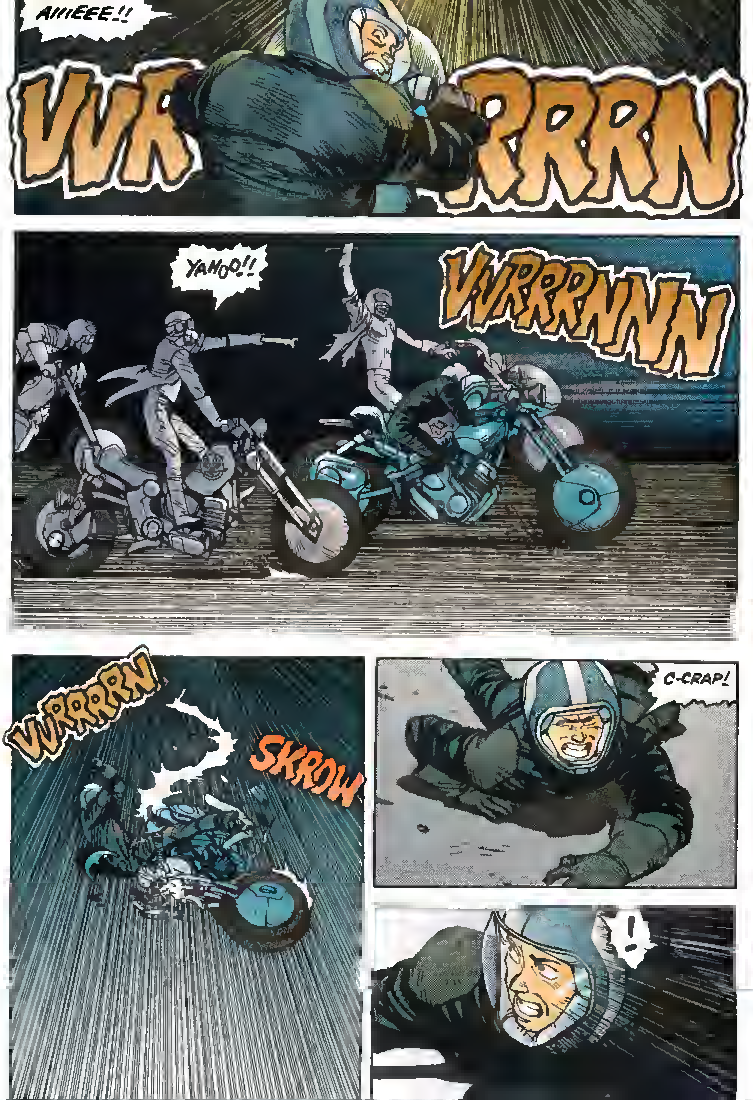
RRN


AIIIEEE!!
VVR
RRRN
YAHOO!!
VVRRRNNN
VVRRRRN
SKROW
C-CRAP!
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VRRRRN
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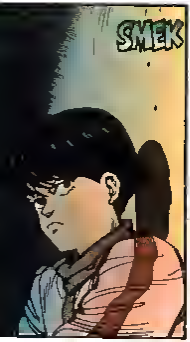
WHADDAYA WANNA DO?
HMM!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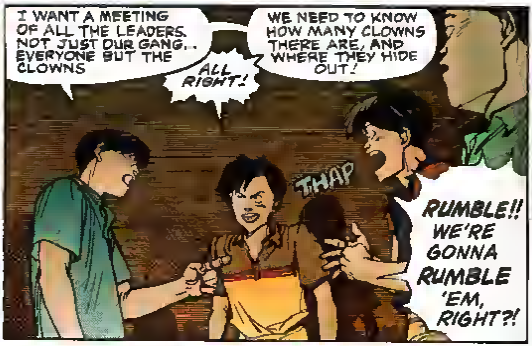
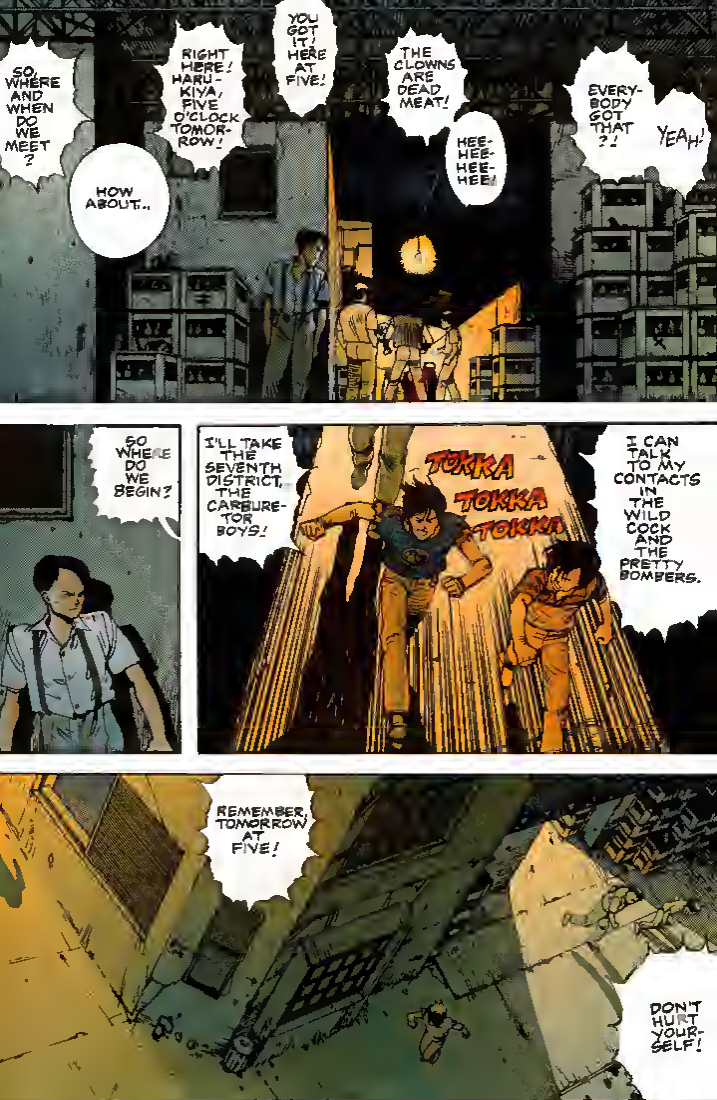

I WANT A MEETING OF ALL THE LEADERS. NOT JUST OUR GANG.. EVERYONE BUT THE CLOWNS
ALL RIGHT!
WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY CLOWNS THERE ARE, AND WHERE THEY HIDE OUT!
THAP
RUMBLE!! WE'RE GONNA RUMBLE 'EM, RIGHT?!

YES, DAMMIT! IT'S A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE!
NO SELF-RESPECTING BIKERS LET A BUNCH OF JUNKIES KICK THEIR ASSES!!


SO, WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET?
HOW ABOUT..
RIGHT HERE! HARU-KIYA, FIVE O'CLOCK TOMOR-ROW!
YOU GOT IT! HERE AT FIVE!
THE CLOWNS ARE DEAD MEAT!
HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!
EVERY-BODY GOT THAT?!
YEAH!
SO WHERE DO WE BEGIN?
I'LL TAKE THE SEVENTH DISTRICT, THE CARBURE-TOR BOYS!
TOKKA
TOKKA
TOKKA
I CAN TALK TO MY CONTACTS IN THE WILD COCK AND THE PRETTY BOMBERS.
REMEMBER, TOMORROW AT FIVE!
DON'T HURT YOUR-SELF!

THEY CERTAINLY THINK A LOT OF YOU.
WELL...I'M A POPULAR KIND OF GUY.
YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY PLANNING ON GOING THROUGH WITH IT, ARE YOU?
I'M GONNA GIVE THIS FIGHT EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!
BUT...
YOU BUTTHEAD!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU AND I ARE FUGITIVES?!
TAK TAK TAK
HMM.
AHHHH

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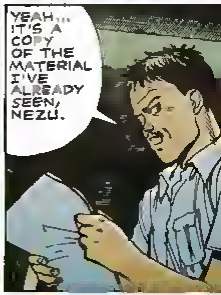
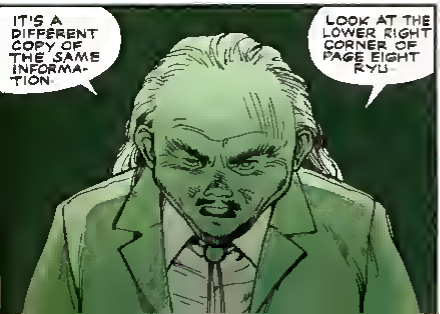
ISN'T THIS?


YEAH... IT'S A COPY OF THE MATERIAL I'VE ALREADY SEEN, NEZU.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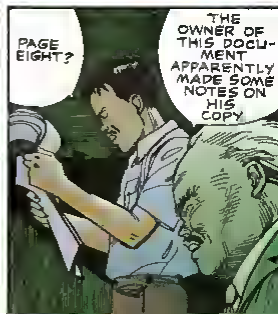
LOOK AT THE LOWER RIGHT CORNER OF PAGE EIGHT RYU-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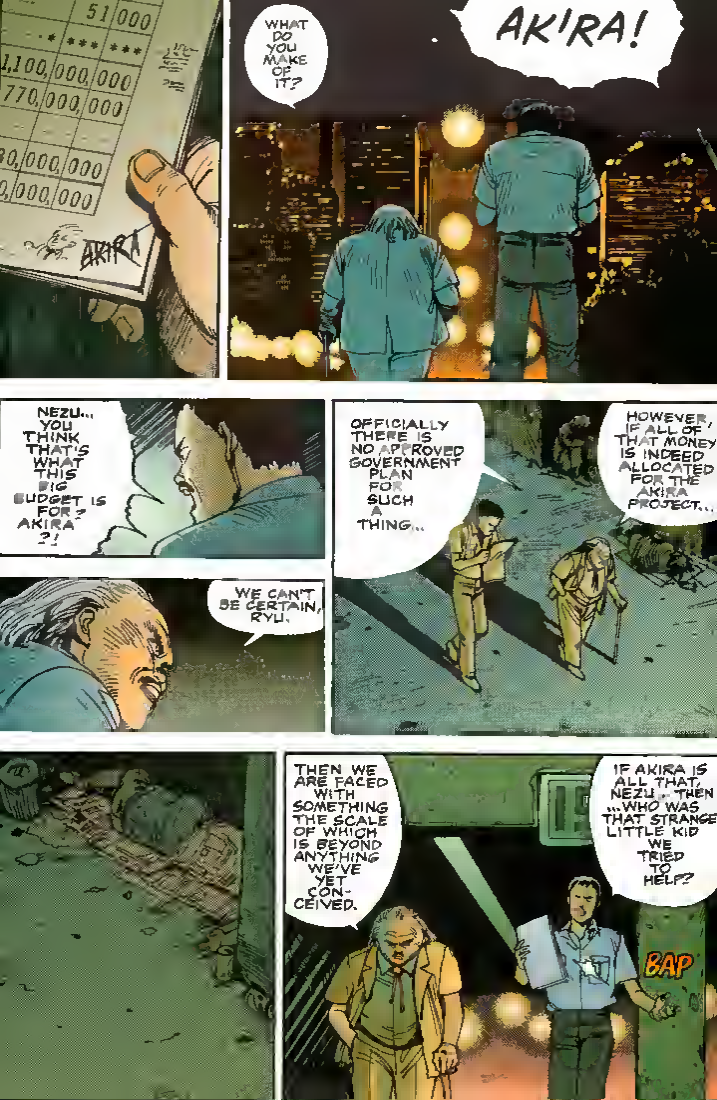
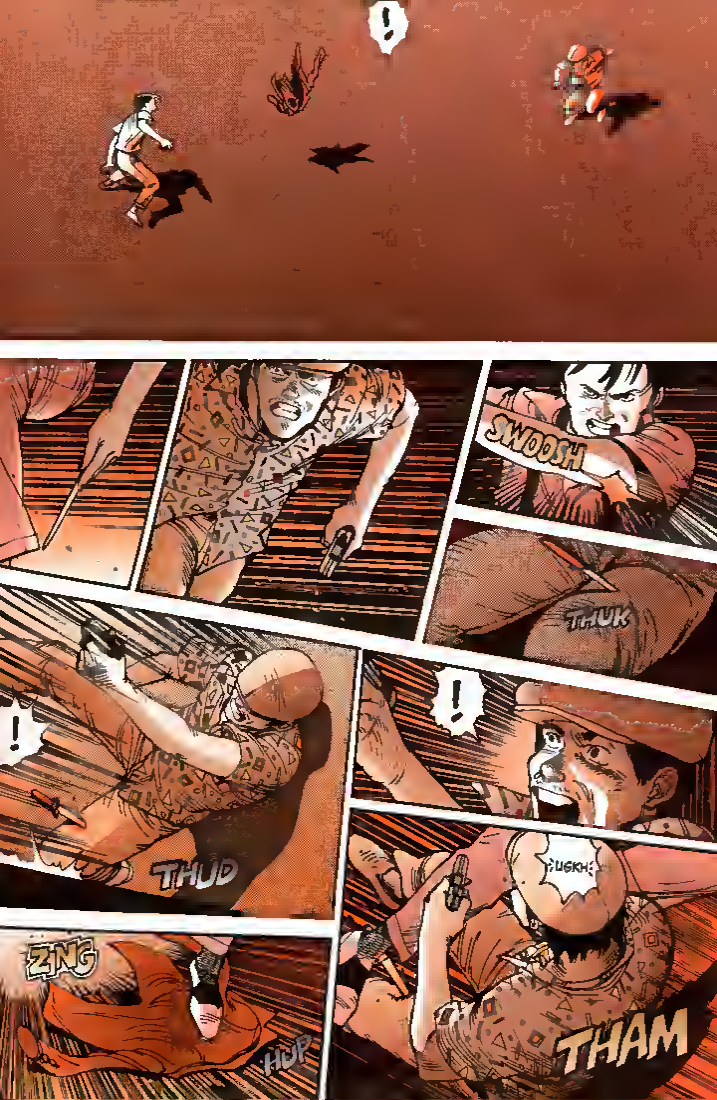

AKIRA
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?
AKIRA!
NEZU... YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS BIG BUDGET IS FOR? AKIRA?!
WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN, RYU.
OFFICIALLY THERE IS NO APPROVED GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR SUCH A THING...
HOWEVER, IF ALL OF THAT MONEY IS INDEED ALLOCATED FOR THE AKIRA PROJECT...
THEN WE ARE FACED WITH SOMETHING THE SCALE OF WHICH IS BEYOND ANYTHING WE'VE YET CONCEIVED.
IF AKIRA IS ALL THAT, NEZU... THEN ...WHO WAS THAT STRANGE LITTLE KID WE TRIED TO HELP?
BAP

EVEN IF, AS WE'VE BEGUN TO SUSPECT, OUR ENEMIES HAVE DEVELOPED AN ENTIRE UNIT OF PEOPLE WITH PARA-NORMAL ABILITIES, I DOUBT WE'RE FACING ANYTHING OF THE POWER OF --SAY, A NUCLEAR WEAPON.
WITH THE BUDGET THEY'VE GIVEN THEMSELVES, THEY COULD DESTROY THIS PLANET A HUNDRED TIMES OVER.
I AM FULLY AWARE OF THAT, RYU. HAVE YOU LOCATED THE PILL AS YET?
NO.
15
LEAVE ALL THAT TO ME, NEZU. I'VE GOT A BACKUP STANDING BY.
HOW'S IT GOING WITH THE BOY?
WILL THE GIRL --THE ONE YOU CALL YOUR SISTER-- HAVE ANY PROBLEM STAYING WITH HIM?
15

HAVEN'T I SEEN YOUR FACE SOMEWHERE BEFORE?
ME? YOU MUST BE THINKING OF TWO OTHER GUYS.
NO. I'M NOT.
I REMEMBER YOU VERY WELL... AT
FLIP
!
WE WERE HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE THE NIGHT I SAW YOU.
!
YOU SON OF A--!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SWOOSH
THUK
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UGKH
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KRAK
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ON YOUR FEET!
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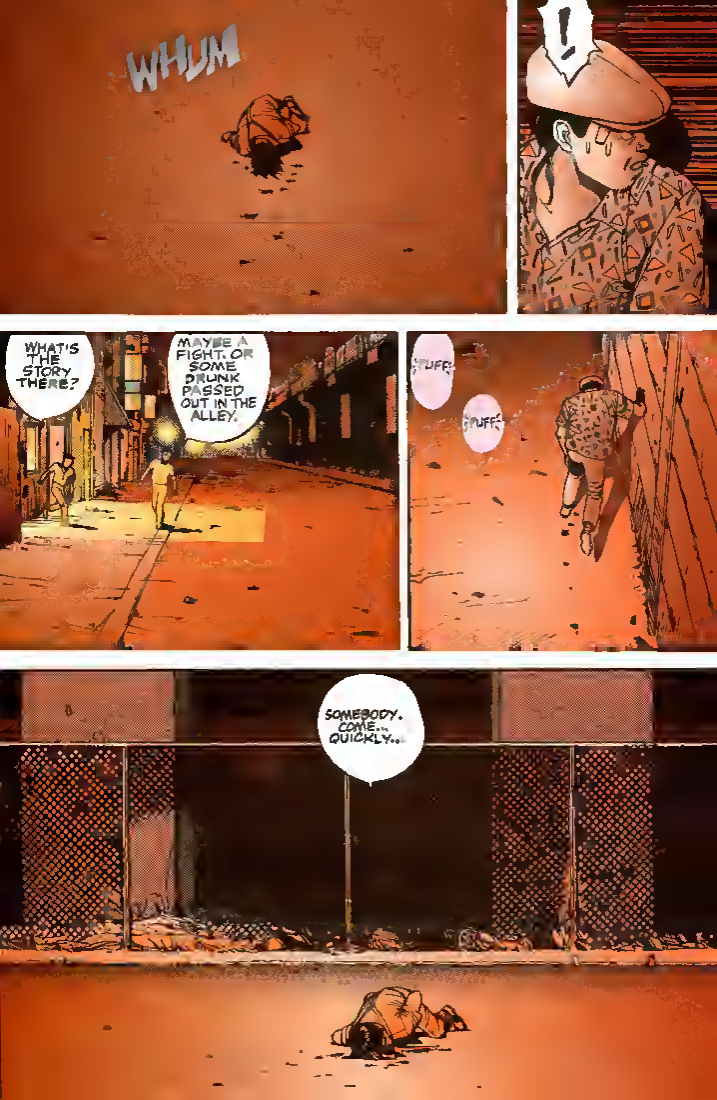
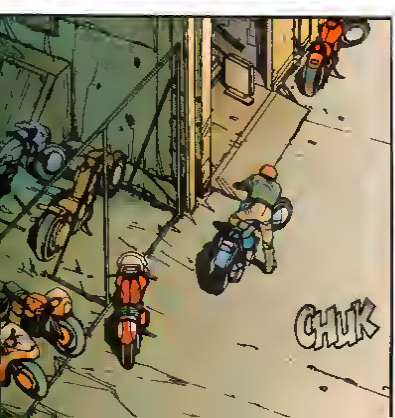

WHUM
!
WHAT'S THE STORY THERE?
MAYBE A FIGHT. OR SOME DRUNK PASSED OUT IN THE ALLEY.
SUFF
SUFF
SOMEBODY. COME... QUICKLY...

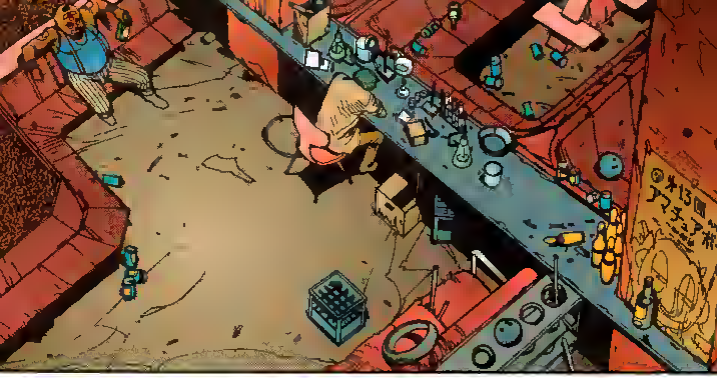
VRRRRN
ビリヤード
卓球

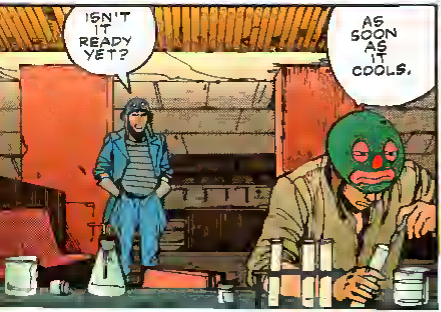
SKREEEEE


CHUK

IF THAT'S EVERYBODY, LET'S GET STARTED
HEY! I'M RUNNING A BUSINESS, YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON TURNING THIS PLACE INTO A MEETING HALL, ARE YOU?
WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
WE WANT THEM TO RUN ALONG THE ROUTE WE'VE LAID OUT STRAIGHT TO PIER TWELVE
ALONG THE WAY, YOU GUYS WILL BE PICKING OFF ALL THE WEAKER ONES

JUST LIKE THAT, YAMAGATA?
WE HANDLE THE SMALL FRY AND LEAVE YOUR TEAM TO TAKE ON THAT MONSTER... ALONE?
"MONSTER?"
YEAH! WE'LL HAVE THEM RIGHT WHERE WE WANT THEM.
THAT'S OUR BUSINESS. THE CLOWNS' LEADER IS OFF-LIMITS TO THE REST OF YOU!
WHAT MONSTER?
YOU KNOW HIM, KANEDA.
HE USED TO BE PART OF YOUR GANG.
BUT WHY DID YOU SAY HE'S A MONSTER?
I TRIED TO TELL YOU. TETSUO'S NOT LIKE HE WAS BEFORE. SOMETHING CHANGED HIM.
WHATEVER HE IS, HE'S ALL YOURS. HAVE FUN WHEN HE RIPS YOUR HEADS OPEN.



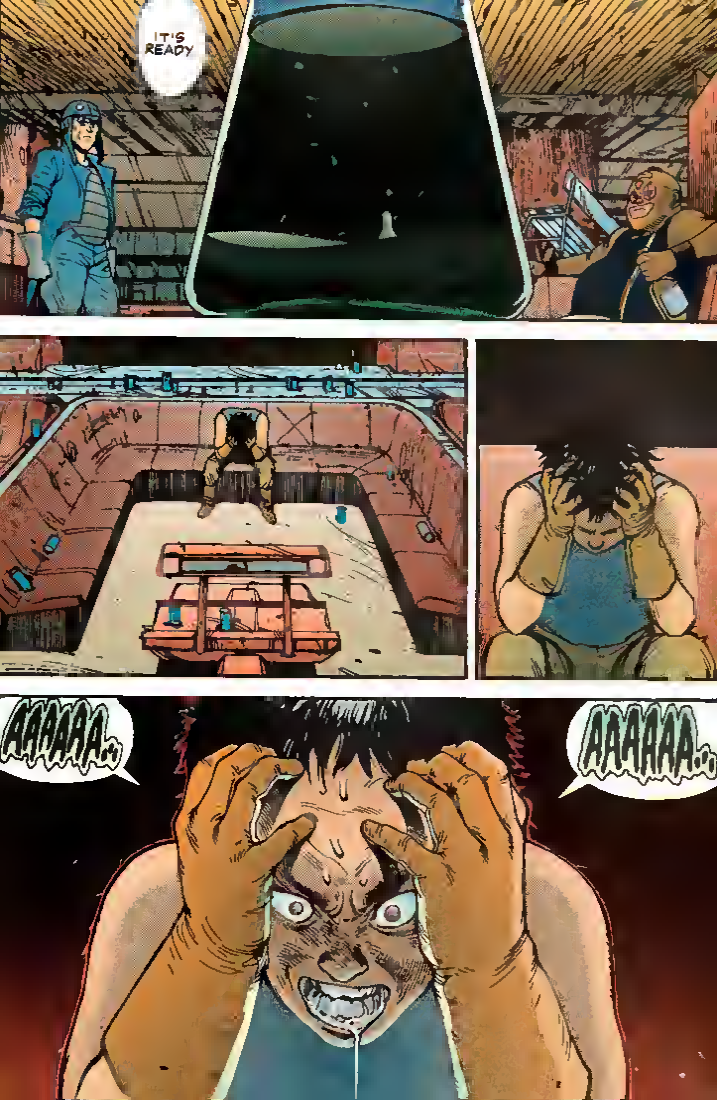

ISN'T IT READY YET?
AS SOON AS IT COOLS.

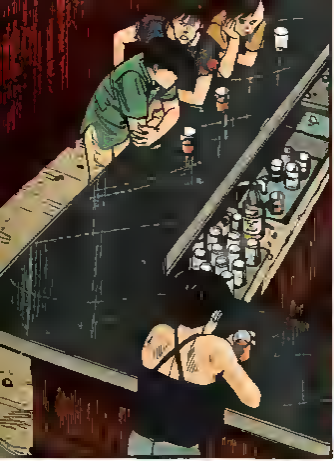
WELL, MOVE IT!

YOU KNOW HOW PURE THAT STUFF IS?
NO...!

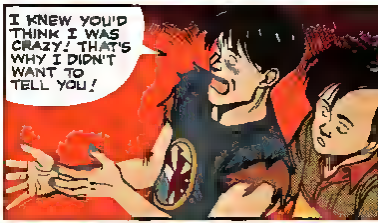
SEVENTY PERCENT. A DROP OF IT WOULD BE A ONE-WAY TICKET TO HELL FOR FOR ANY NORMAL PERSON.

THIS ISN'T FOR ANY NORMAL PERSON.

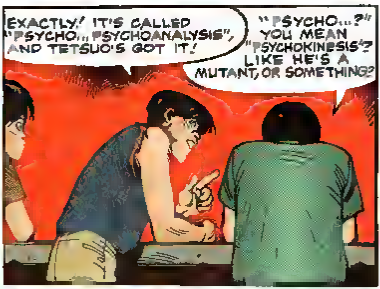

IT'S READY
AAAAAA...
AAAAAA...



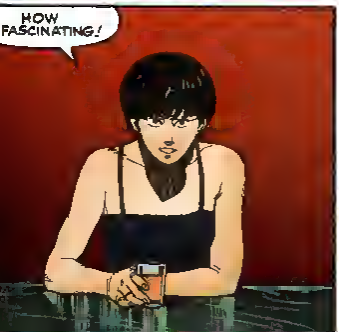
HE RIPPED A GUY'S HEAD OPEN... WITHOUT TOUCHING HIM?!


I KNEW YOU'D THINK I WAS CRAZY! THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU!

MAKING THINGS MOVE AND EXPLODE...


EXACTLY! IT'S CALLED "PSYCHO-", "PSYCHOANALYSIS", AND TETSUO'S GOT IT!
"PSYCHO...?" YOU MEAN "PSYCHOKINESIS"? LIKE HE'S A MUTANT, OR SOMETHING?

THIS STUFF'S BEEN COMING UP A LOT LATELY.

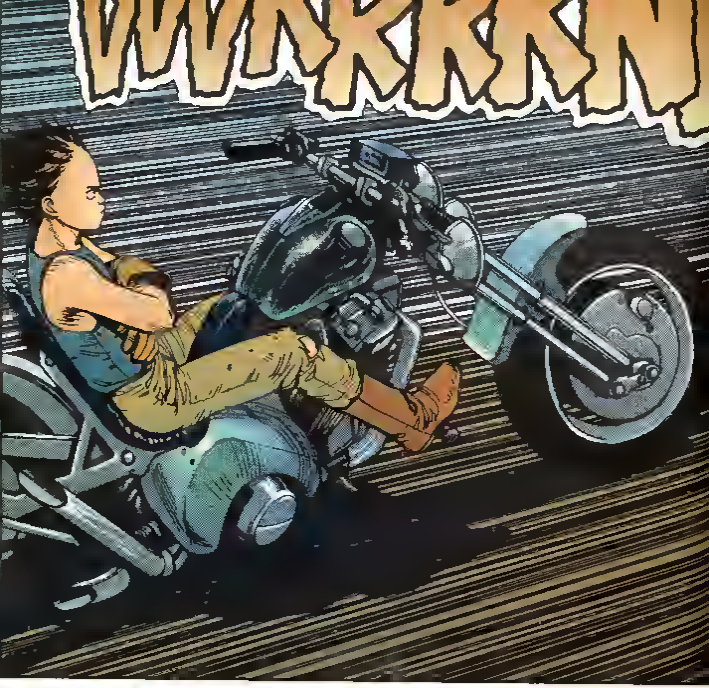

HOW FASCINATING!

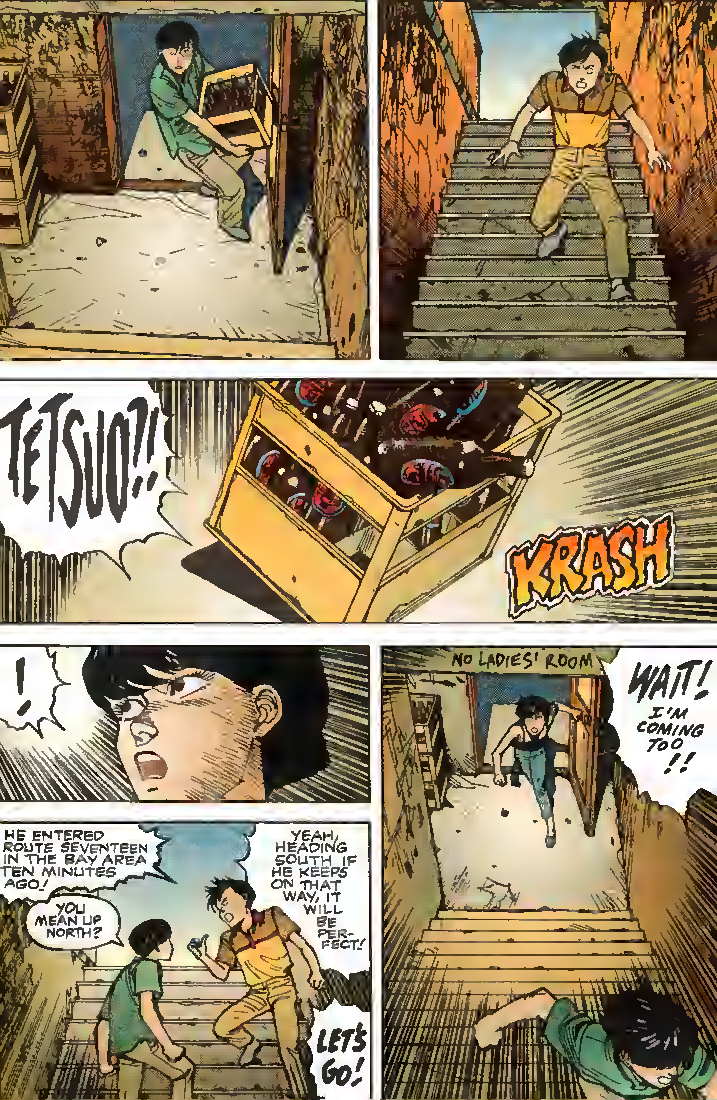
TELL ME MORE.

I WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT IT, TOO.

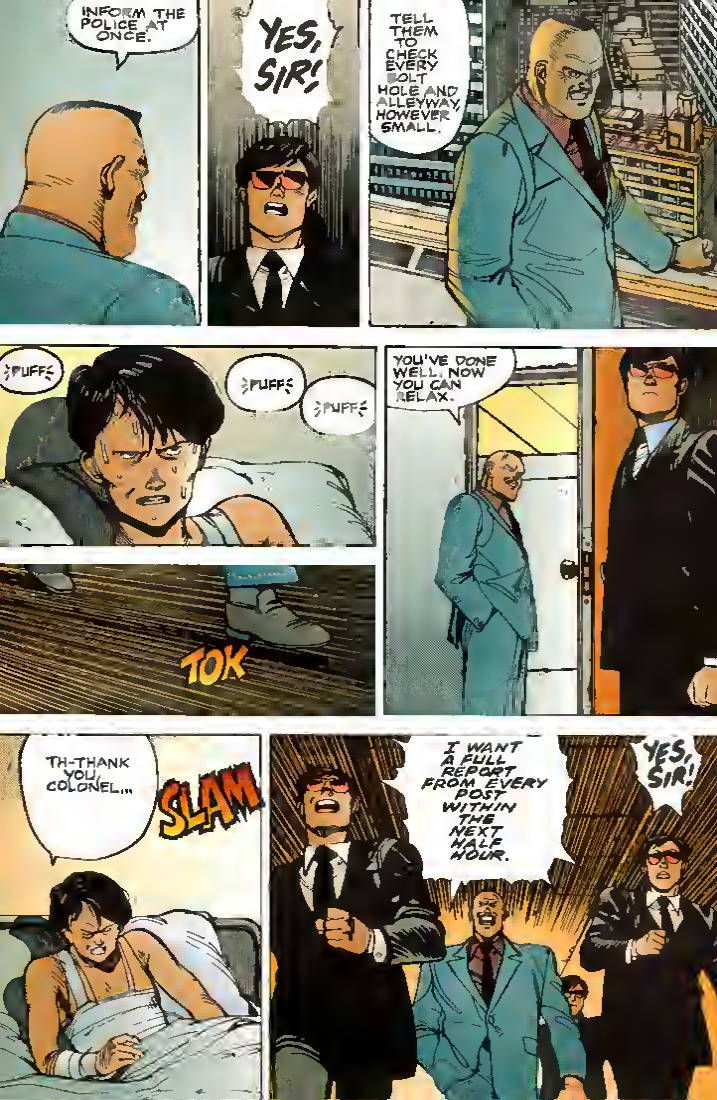
GA-P!
ZAAAP
YAAAAH!
LET'S GO!
Y-Y-YESSIR!

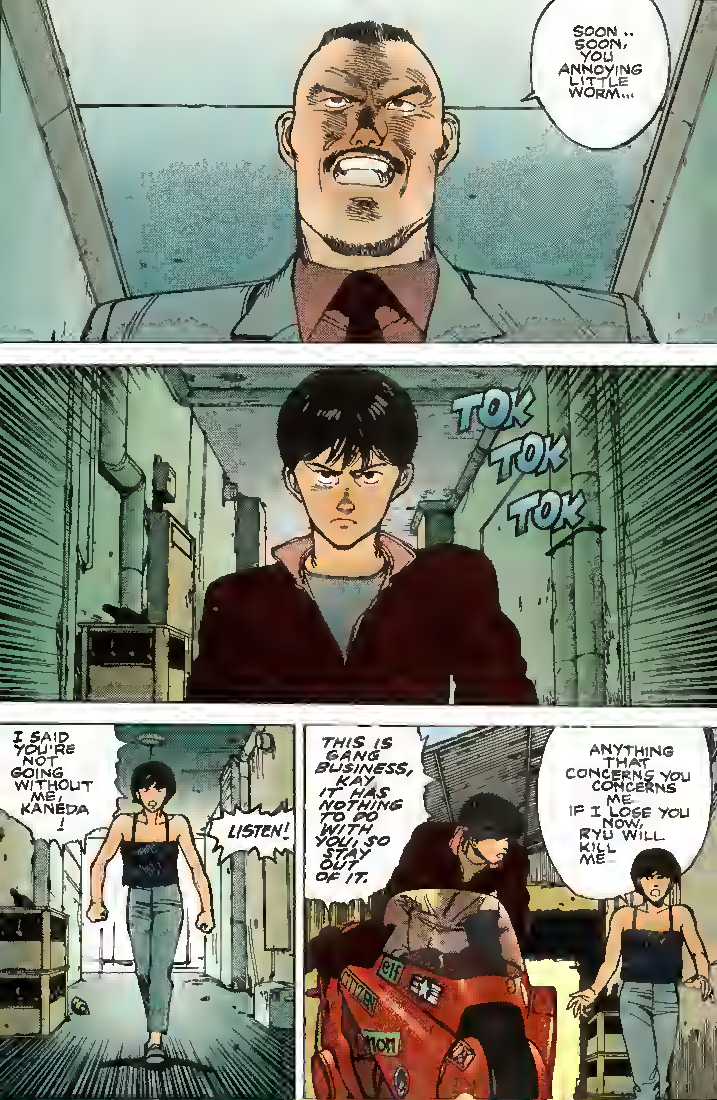
A MONSTER.
TETSUO...
VVVRRRRRNN


VVVRRRN

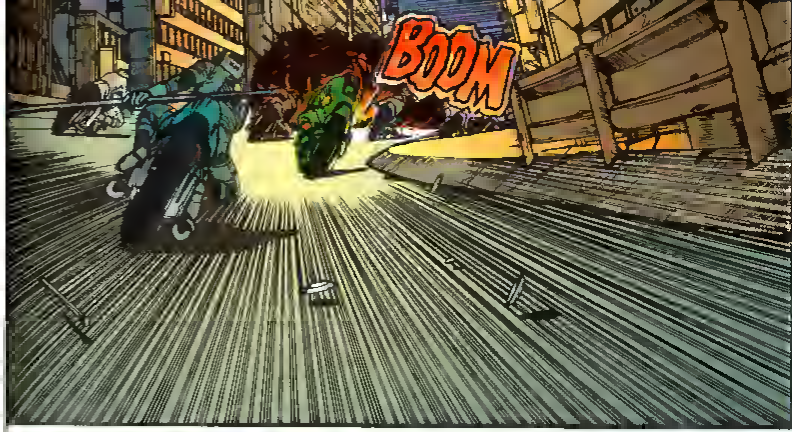

TETSUO?!
KRASH
!
NO LADIES' ROOM
WAIT! I'M COMING TOO!!
HE ENTERED ROUTE SEVENTEEN IN THE BAY AREA TEN MINUTES AGO!
YOU MEAN UP NORTH?
YEAH, HEADING SOUTH. IF HE KEEPS ON THAT WAY, IT WILL BE PERFECT!
LET'S GO!

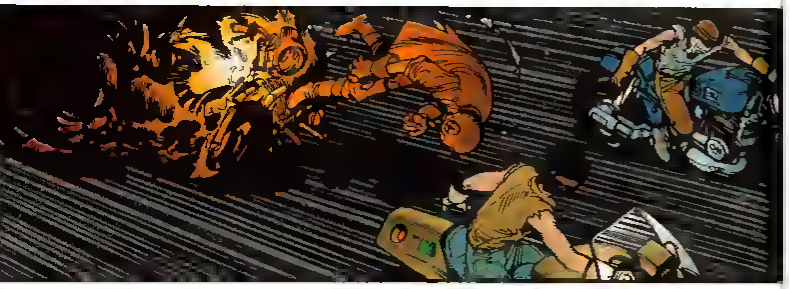
752
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
... A BAR CALLED HARUKIYA, RIGHT ON THE BORDER BETWEEN THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH DISTRICTS.
IT'S ALONGSIDE THE EXPRESSWAY.
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE FIFTH FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
NO, THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE MAN WITH THE BEARD...
... BUT THE GIRL WAS THERE I'M SURE OF IT.


INFORM THE POLICE AT ONCE.
YES, SIR!
TELL THEM TO CHECK EVERY BOLT HOLE AND ALLEYWAY, HOWEVER SMALL.
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
TOK
YOU'VE DONE WELL. NOW YOU CAN RELAX.
TH-THANK YOU, COLONEL...
SLAM
I WANT A FULL REPORT FROM EVERY POST WITHIN THE NEXT HALF HOUR.
YES, SIR!

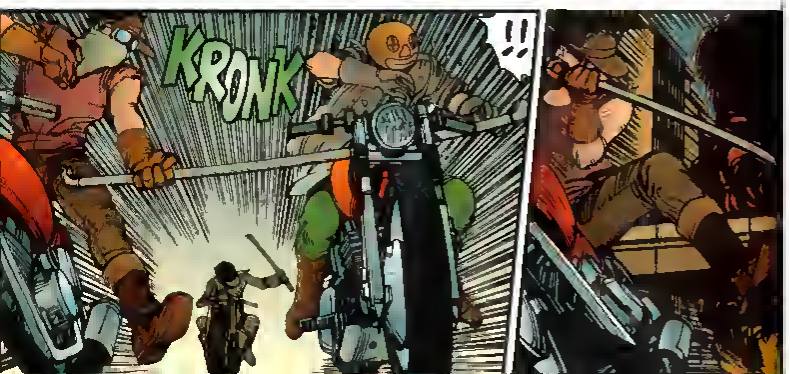

SOON.. SOON, YOU ANNOYING LITTLE WORM...
TOK TOK TOK
I SAID YOU'RE NOT GOING WITHOUT ME, KANEDA!
LISTEN!
THIS IS GANG BUSINESS, KAY. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, SO STAY OUT OF IT.
ANYTHING THAT CONCERNS YOU CONCERNS ME. IF I LOSE YOU NOW, RYU WILL KILL ME

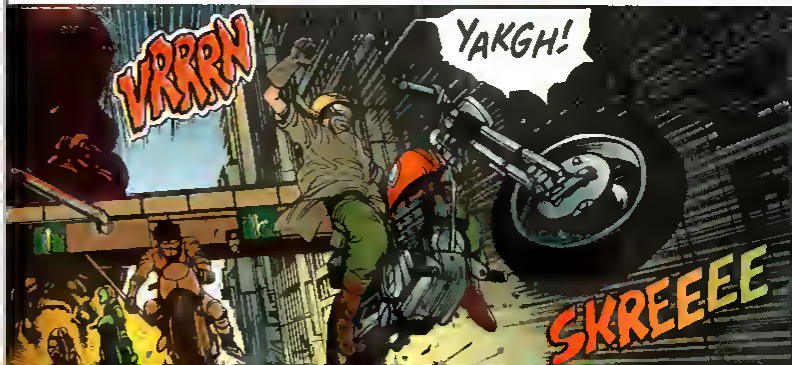
COME ON IN THERE! LET'S MOVE IT!
VRRN
VRRN
HEY, LEND IT TO ME, WOULD YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU KNOW. I THINK THERE WAS STILL ONE BULLET LEFT...
BANG!!
VRRRN

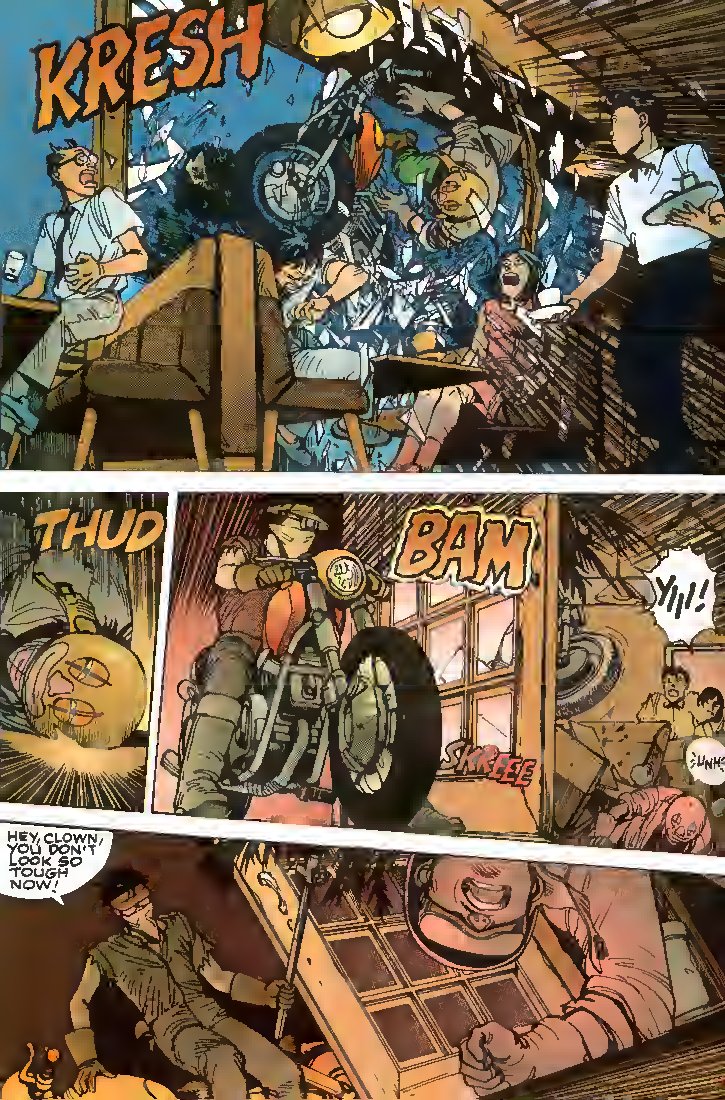

BOOM



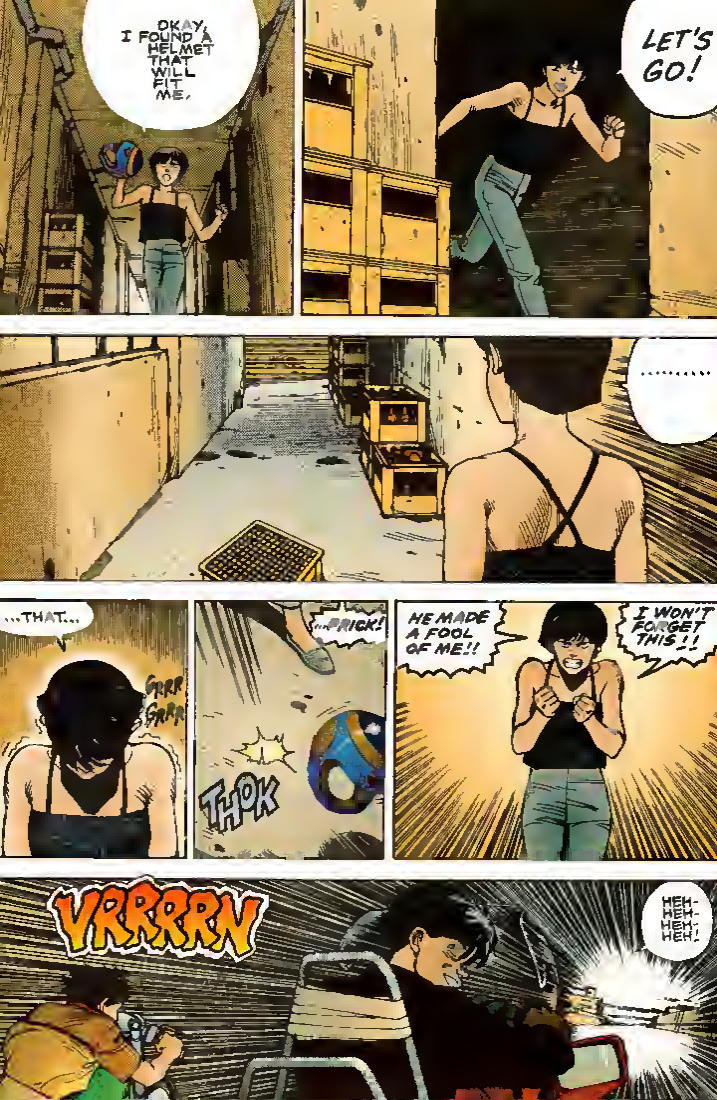
YEE-HAAA!


KRONK
!!


VRRRN
YAKGH!
SKREEEE


KRESH
THUD
BAM
YIII!
SKREEE
HEY, CLOWN, YOU DON'T LOOK SO TOUGH NOW!

WUD
WUD
WUD
SMESH
BAM
BAM
BAMBAM
SCOOT
15-16
THOKKA THOKKA
OW!!
YIKES!!
THOKKA
THOKKA
VRRRRN


OKAY, I FOUND A HELMET THAT WILL FIT ME.
LET'S GO!
.....
...THAT...
GRRR GRRR
...PRICK!
THOK
HE MADE A FOOL OF ME!!
I WON'T FORGET THIS!!
VRRRRRN
HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH!

WE'RE GONNA BE LATE, AREN'T WE ?!
YEAH! I HOPE YAMAGATA CAN HANDLE THINGS TILL WE GET THERE!
!
THUP
YARRR!

AUGH!!
WHOM
WADDAWADDAWADDA
YAIIEE!!
EEEK!
VARRN
YOU FILTHY PIG!!

YOU'RE A DEAD MAN!!
WHOK
!
LOUSY LITTLE WIMP!!

VRRRRN
!
VNNVNNVNNVNN
!
WANG
AAH...
BOK
KRRRK

WHOOM
!
OKAY, NOW!!
YOU GOT IT!!
NO PRISONERS!
A COUPLE OF 'EM DUCKED DOWN THAT ALLEY!
I'M ON 'EM!
GET THEM!!
171 - 172
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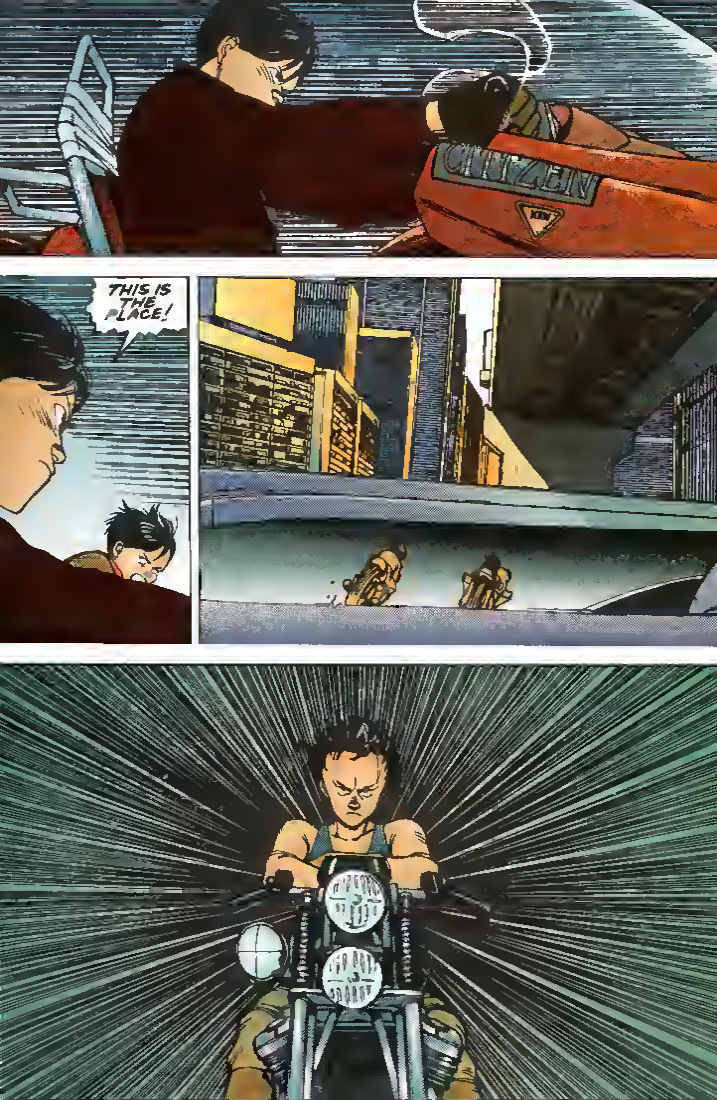
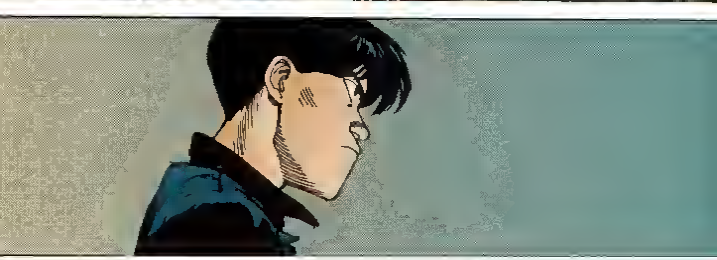
MY, MY, MY, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
AND WITH THE KEY STILL IN THE IGNITION!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY--?
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE USE OF YOUR BIKE, MA'AM! I'LL HAVE IT BACK IN NO TIME!
YEEEE!
POW
BAMMO
VRRRRRRRRN
elf

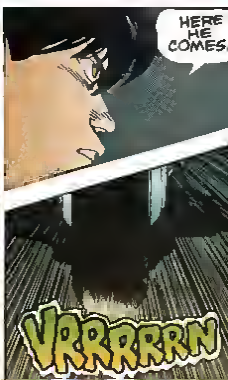

CITIZEN
THIS IS THE PLACE!

VRRR
RRN
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU SONUVABITCH!
LAST WEEK YOU KILLED MY BEST FRIEND!!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!!
VR
RRN
REEE

THOOOOM
CRASH
BLOMM
SKREEEECH
SO LONG...
...STUPID!



VRRRRN


HERE HE COMES
VRRRRRN

TWEE-WHEEEET!!
VRRRRRN
VRRRRN
LET'S GO!!
VRRR
RRRN

YOU WENT TOO FAR...
DIDN'T YOU, TETSUO?!
VRRRRRRRRRN

I COULDN'T REALLY SAY...

WE GET SO MANY KIDS IN HERE...
ABANDON HOPE ALL YE WHO ENTER
...THEY COME IN MAYBE ONCE ... MAYBE TWICE ...
AFTER A WHILE, WHO CAN TELL ANY OF 'EM APART?

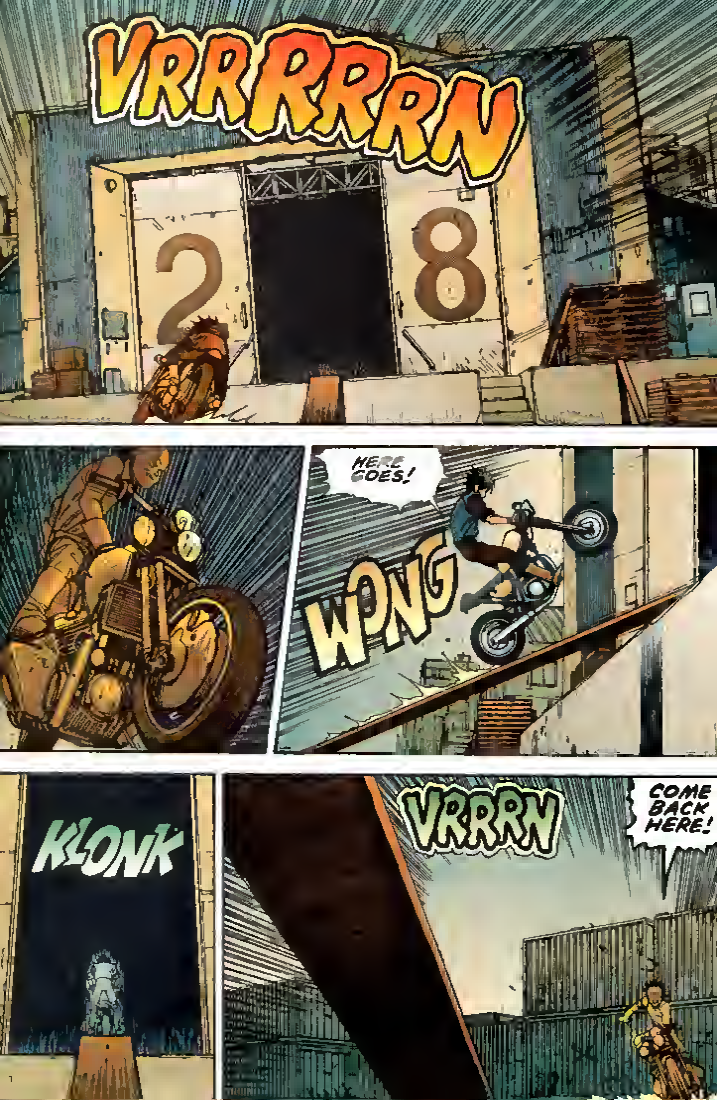
YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING ?
DO YOU HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE?
SURE I DO. EVERYTHING HERE IS TOTALLY LEGITIMATE
AND IT'S UP TO DATE?
SEE FOR YOURSELF. NOT DUE FOR RENEWAL FOR A LONG TIME, SO I'M IN GOOD SHAPE
fink
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

OF COURSE YOU'RE AWARE THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO PASS ANOTHER INSPECTION BEFORE YOUR LICENSE IS RE-PLACED.
YOU DIRTY SON OF A ---!
HSSSSS
THIS IS ALL SO POINTLESS. WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN CLOSING YOU DOWN.
YOU CAN SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS BY SIMPLY TELLING US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW
SKREEEE

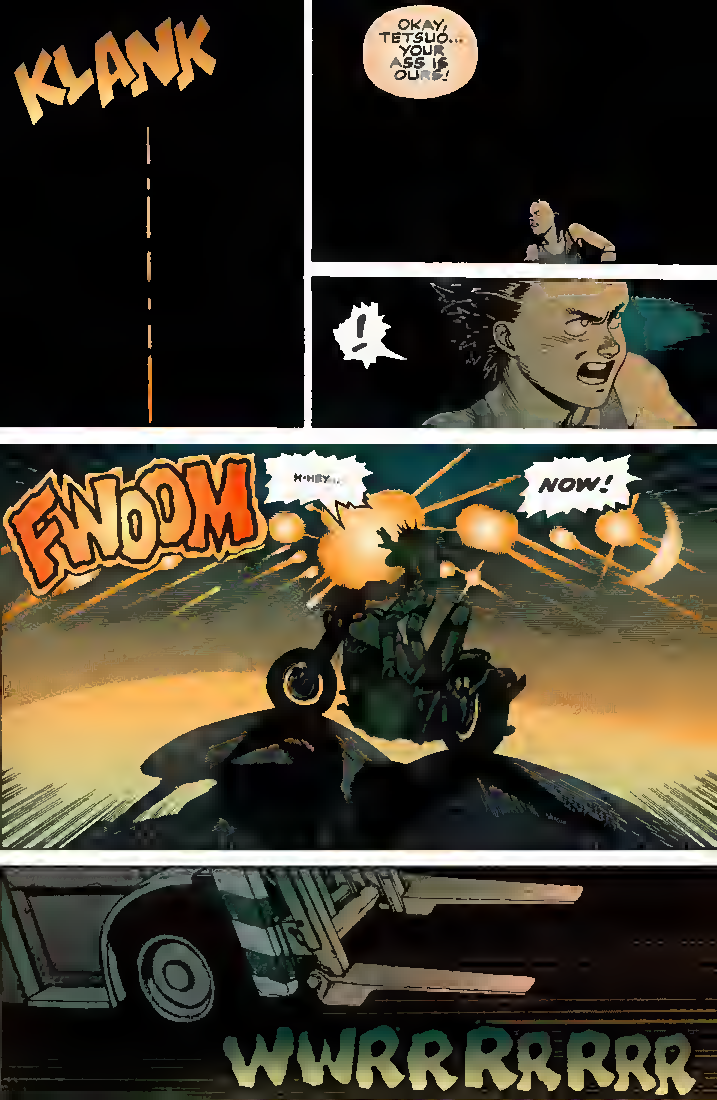
VRRRRRN
GO SCREW YOURSELVES!
ZZZZ
!
EEYAAGH!!
KRASH
Y!!-!
OH, MAN...
BACK THE OTHER WAY!

SUCKERS!!
VRRRRN
HUNH?
TETSUOOOO!
THAM
SKREEEEEEE

SCUMBAG!
REEL
HA-HA-HA-HA!
YOU'RE DEAD MEAT, YAMAGATA!
SKRE EEEEEEE
GASP
GASP

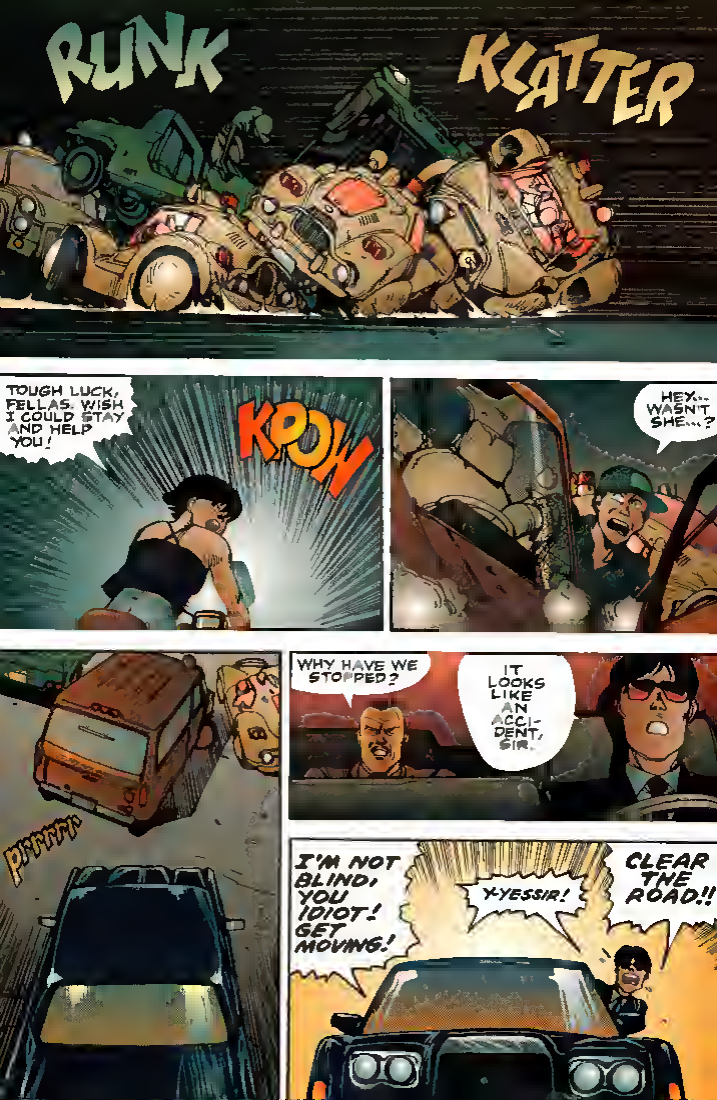

VRRRRRN
28
HERE GOES!
WONG
KLONK
VRRRN
COME BACK HERE!

KANG
8
SKREEEE
KRRRRRRRR
!

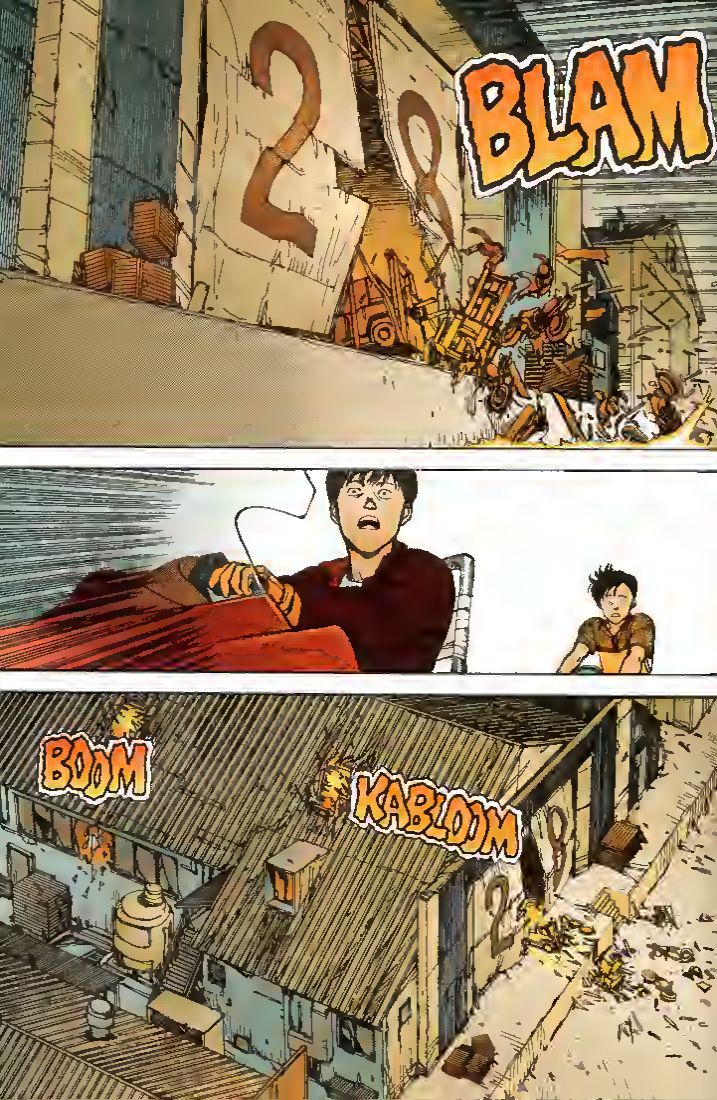

KLANK
OKAY, TETSUO... YOUR ASS IS OURS!
!
FWOOM
H-HEY...
NOW!
WWRRRRRRR

WWRRRRRRRRRP
KLAK
RRNNNNNK
YAAAH--!

HHRMMM
HHRMMM
SQUEEE
:ULP!:
K'RUNK
YAEE!

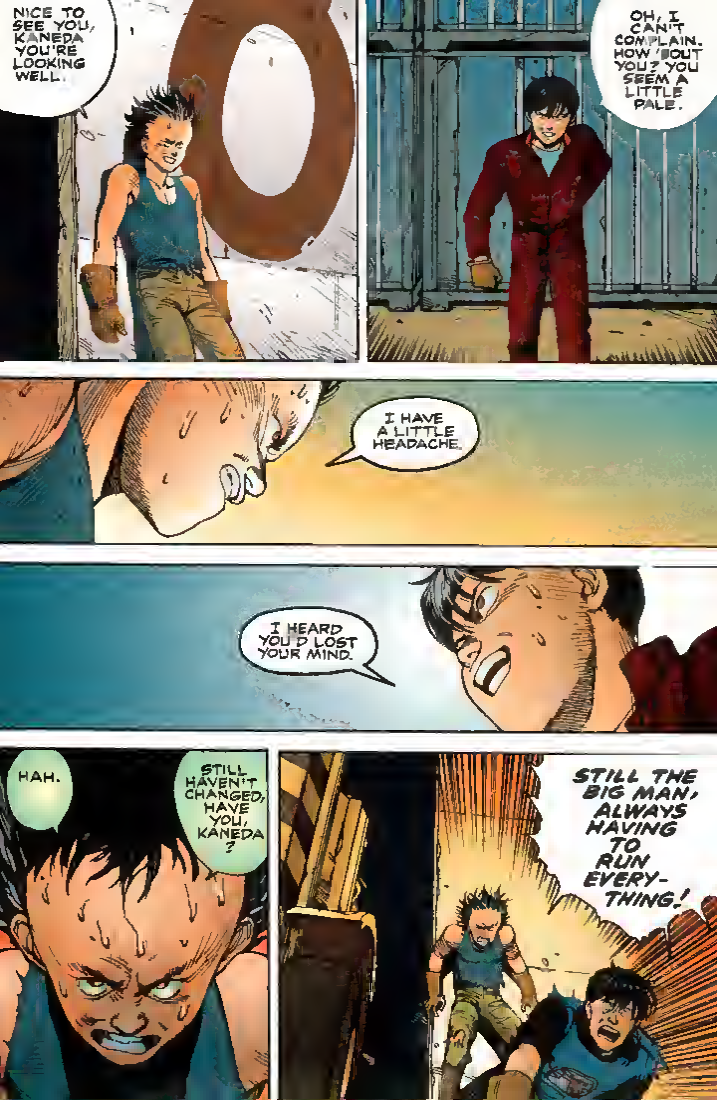

RUNK
KLATTER
TOUGH LUCK, FELLAS. WISH I COULD STAY AND HELP YOU!
KPOW
HEY... WASN'T SHE...?
PITTTT
WHY HAVE WE STOPPED?
IT LOOKS LIKE AN ACCI-DENT, SIR.
I'M NOT BLIND, YOU IDIOT! GET MOVING!
Y-YESSIR!
CLEAR THE ROAD!!

VRRRRN
NO SIGN OF TROUBLE, KANEDA.
NOT SO FAR.
LOOK AT THAT!
SKREE
WHERE IS EVERY-BODY?
WITH YAMAGATA. HE'S GOT TETSUO CORNERED IN THE WARE-HOUSE.


BLAM
BOOM
KABLOOM

BUMP
THUD
PUFF
PUFF
GASP
PUFF
PUFF
EEYAGH!!

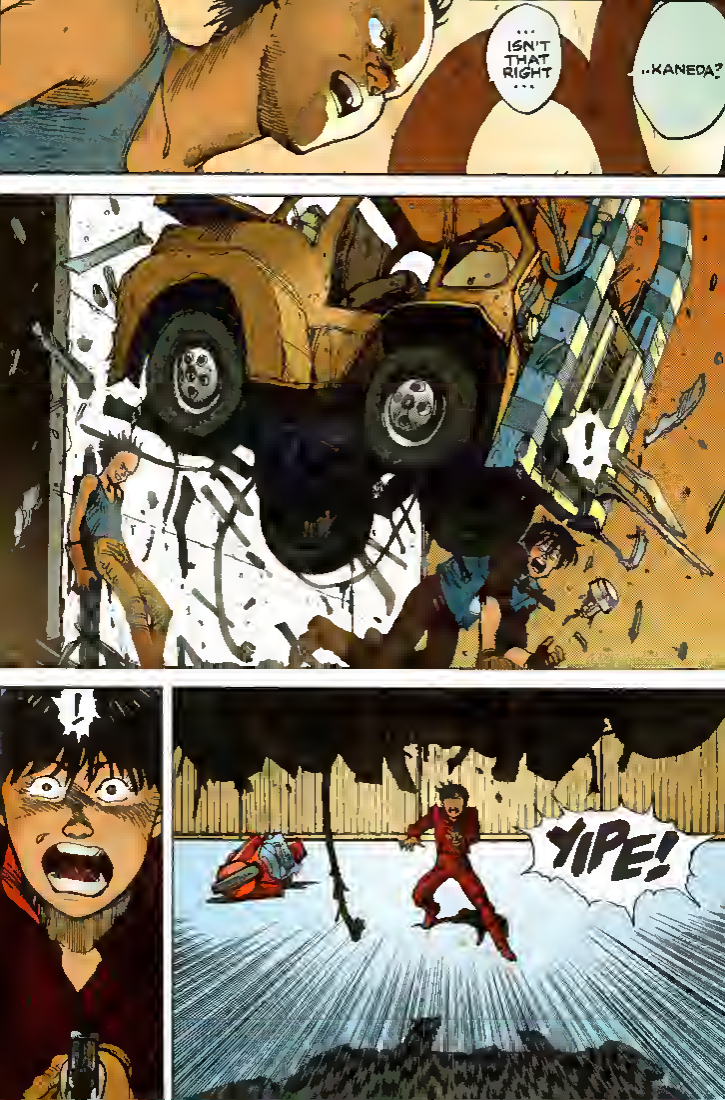
SKREEEEE!
EEEEEEEEEE
KANEDA, BE CAREFUL!
DON'T WORRY. I'M GETTING TO BE AN OLD HAND AT THIS.


NICE TO SEE YOU, KANEDA YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.
OH, I CAN'T COMPLAIN. HOW 'BOUT YOU? YOU SEEM A LITTLE PALE.
I HAVE A LITTLE HEADACHE.
I HEARD YOU'D LOST YOUR MIND.
HAH.
STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED, HAVE YOU, KANEDA?
STILL THE BIG MAN, ALWAYS HAVING TO RUN EVERY-THING!

JUST LIKE WHEN WE WERE KIDS!!
NO MATTER WHAT WE DID YOU ALWAYS HAD TO BE IN CHARGE!
I HEAR YOU'RE RUNNING SOMETHING NOW, TOO--
--A CESSPOOL
KANEDA!
WHAT?!

HUNH--?
WHAT'S THAT YOU HAVE THERE?
SHOOT HIM, KANEDA! SHOOT HIM!!

FINE!
IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT ME, GO AHEAD!
...
YOU CAN'T DO IT, CAN YOU...
...BECAUSE I'M YOUR FRIEND...
!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!


... ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...
..KANEDA?
!
!
YIPE!

BASH
DAMN!
whud
!
KRESH
YAGCK!
KLAK

KANEDA!!
skrit skrit
:GASP:
:GASP:
...UHNH...
MY...MY HEAD..
KLUD
YOU BASTARD...
SKINK
:PUFF:
:PUFF:
:PUFF:

TE...TETSUO...
¡GASP!
¡GASP!
YAMAGATA!!
...YOU MOTHER...
YOU'RE GONNA DI!!!!--
-AAIEE!!
!

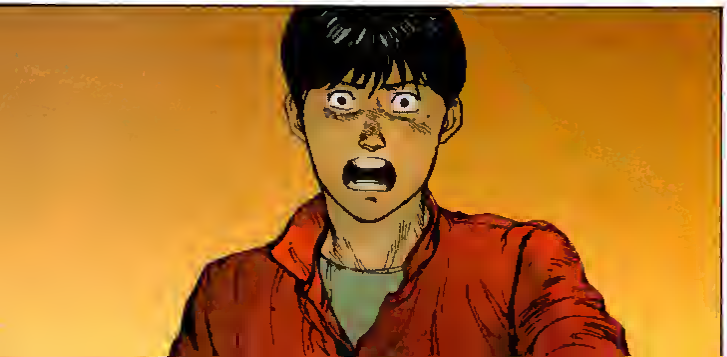
YAaa
SPLAT
HUH

YAMAGATAAA!!!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF

YOU STINKING...
YOU'RE DEAD, TOO!!
TE-TSUOO!
BLAM

EEYAAAA!!
...
GASP
GASP
GASP
THUNK

VRRRN
Canon
HE... HE REALLY... HE SHOT ME...
RRRRRRR
KLONG
TETSUO!
REEK
HERE GOES!
foom



PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
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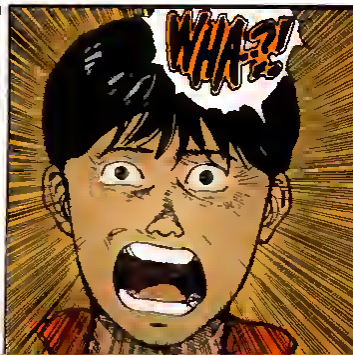
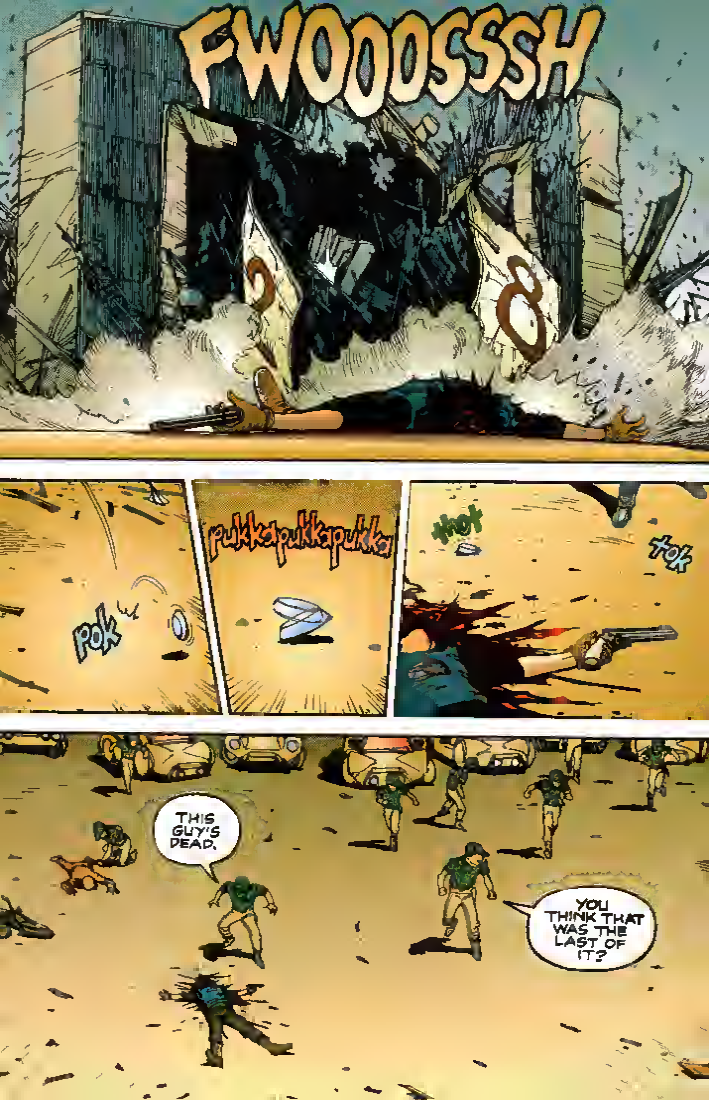

WHA?!

CHAAARGE!!!
VRRRN
KEEP BACK!
UH--!
KRAK
KRESH
RRRRRR

OH,NO!!
CHIK
BAM
!
FWAAAM
DIE, KANEDA!
DIE!!
DIE!!!


FWOOOSSSH
POK
pukkapukkapukka
thok
tok
THIS GUY'S DEAD.
YOU THINK THAT WAS THE LAST OF IT?

UM...
GROSSEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN.
klat
...MY STOMACH...
...BULLET ...IN... IN MY...
HEYY!!
SWOOSH
...DRUGS ...GOTTA HAVE...

YAAAA!!
WUNK
UGK!
!
THUD
STOP!!!
HUNH?
YOU--!

!
WHUD
AHHHH
!
NNGH
AH... AH, CRAP!
THAT--
--ISN'T THAT--?
THE DRUG --

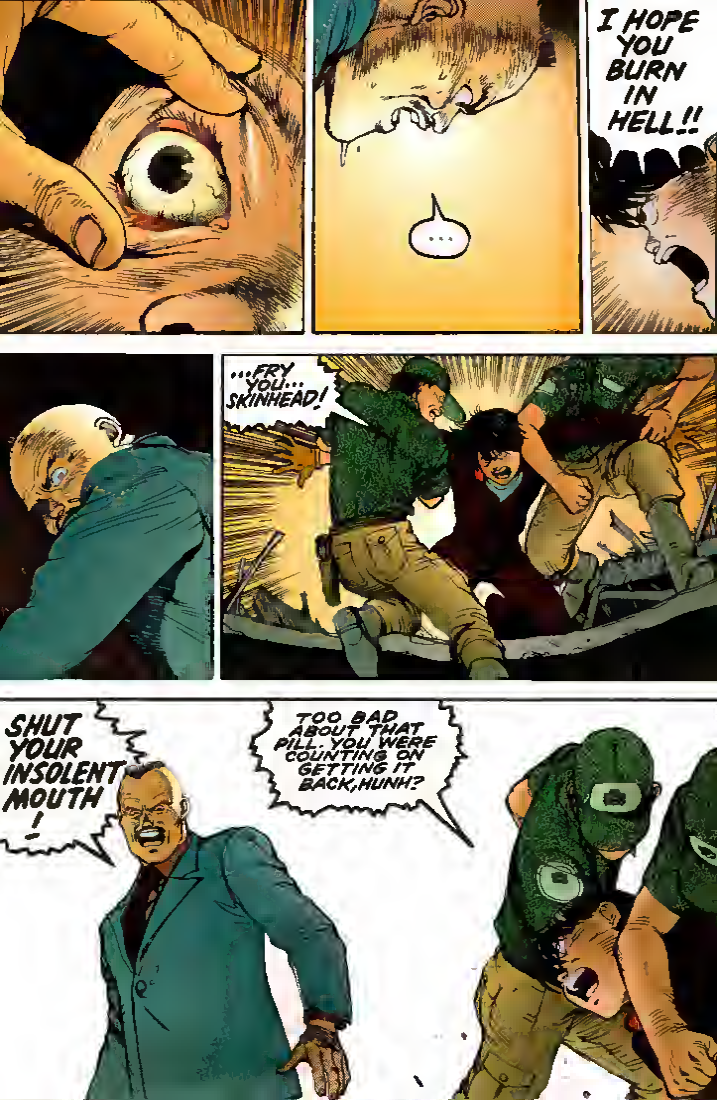
I'VE GOT IT!!
THAT'S THE PILL THAT--!
IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?!
YOU HAD IT ALL ALONG!
YEAH...
BUT IF YOU WANT IT, IT'S ALL YOURS.
FINE. FIRST I'M TAKING THIS, THEN I'M TAKING CARE OF YOU.

TAKE THAT PILL OUT OF YOUR MOUTH AT ONCE!!
"THAT PILL"...?
IS THAT THE ONE THAT...?
YOU'LL DIE IF YOU SWALLOW IT!
SPIT IT OUT NOW!
gulp

HANG ON! PLEASE HANG ON!
tokka tokka tokka tokka
OH!
YOU'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL.
HURRY!
IF YOU DON'T HE'LL --!
LUB
dub
OOOO

OOO...
AAU
UGH
AAAAGH!
LUB
dub

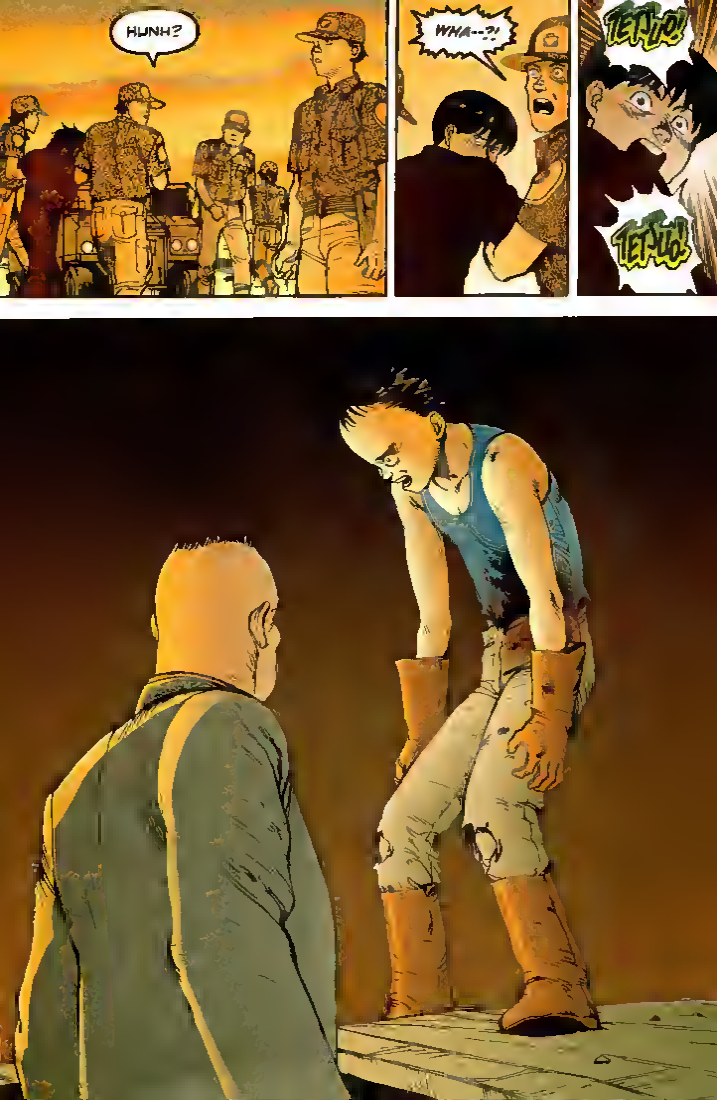
SMAT
LUB dub
lub
DAMN IT--!
WE NEED THE LAB COPTER! AT ONCE!


I HOPE YOU BURN IN HELL!!
...
...FRY YOU... SKINHEAD!
SHUT YOUR INSOLENT MOUTH!
TOO BAD ABOUT THAT PILL YOU WERE COUNTING ON GETTING IT BACK, HUNH?

JUST WHAT DO YOU KNOW!...WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND ABOUT THAT PILL?
ENOUGH SO I'M SORRY IT WENT TO WASTE.
...
WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM, SIR?
BRING HIM ALONG.
BUT SEPARATE HIM FROM THE OTHERS.
AND DON'T LET HIS AGE DECEIVE YOU INTO UNDERESTIMATING HIM. HE'S EXCEEDINGLY RESOURCEFUL.

YAMAGATAAA!!
THAT LITTLE RAT! HE DID HAVE IT AFTER ALL!
HUNH?
AS SOON AS THE LAB COPTER LANDS, YOU'RE TO PUT THIS CARRION ON BOARD, UNDERSTAND?
YESSIR!
LUB
dub

EH...?
LUB
dub
WHAAAT...
IM...IMPOSSIBLE...
...AAA...

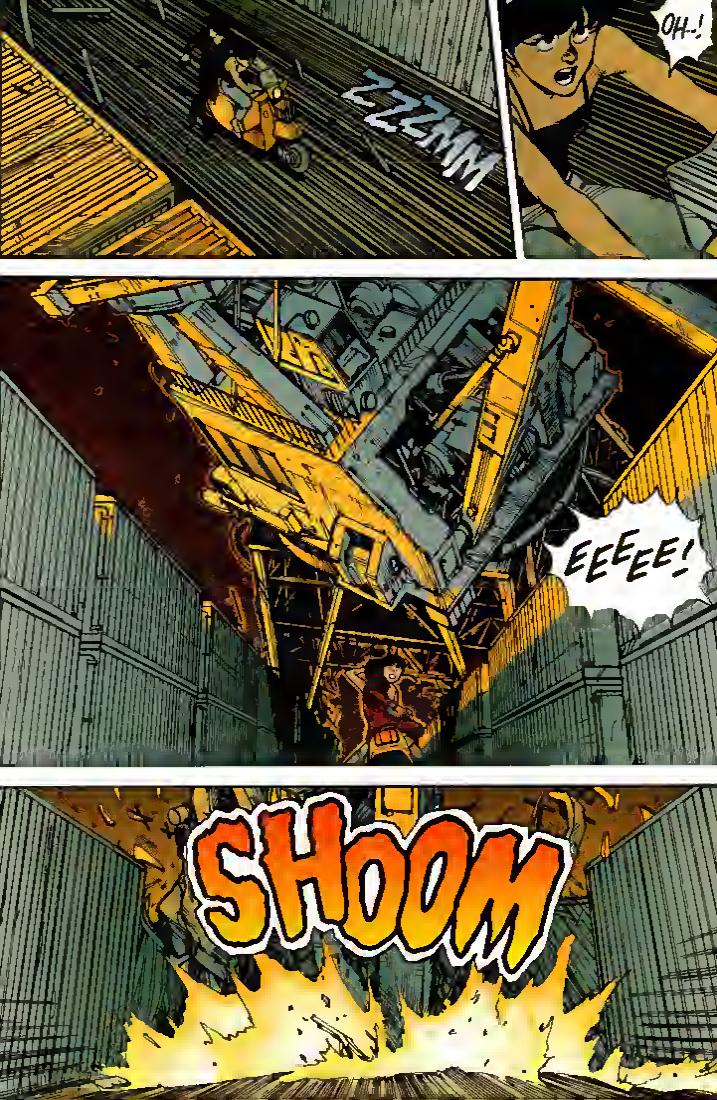

HUNH?
WHA--?!
TEK-LO!
TEK-LO!

YOU!!!
THEY THREW YOU OUT OF HELL!!
SOK
HEY!
!
HALT!!
STOP HIM!
KA... KANEDA
WHA --?
WAI--!
THOM
MOVE!!
YAAGH!!

THE COLONEL!!
YOU LITTLE...
HOLD YOUR FIRE!
!
BWAAM
!!!
NOOO!!
KLUNK LUNK L

YIIII--!
HUNH?
OVER HERE! HURRY!
KAY!
MOVE!!
KLUNKLUNKLUNK
vrrrrm
NOW JUST HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
STOP!

... I SAID ...
YAHAA!
KLUNKLUNKLUNK
YEEEEK!
ZZZMM
KLUNKLUNKLUNK
vrrrrm
KANEDAAA!!


ZZZMM
OH..!
EEEEE!
SHOOM

ssshhh
MAN... WHAT A GREAT DRUG FANTASTIC! MY HEADACHE'S TOTALLY GONE.
I FEEL LIKE A NEW PERSON.
ARE YOU OKAY? NO FOOLING NOW. GET UP. WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
TOK
!
GOT YOU.

CLEAR OUT!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE TETSUO... AREN'T YOU?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? KANEDA IS YOUR FRIEND... OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT?!
LOOKS LIKE HE HAS A NEW FRIEND... TO DIE WITH!
TOK
WAIT!
GET LOST!
...RRR...
HAH!
HEAR ME OUT!

WHY BOTHER WHEN I CAN JUST KILL YOU?
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE WITHDRAWING FROM THE DRUG YOU TOOK?
CONSIDER THE PAIN YOU FACE! CONSIDER WHERE THE DRUG CAME FROM!!
PUFF!
PUFF!
THINK... THINK ABOUT IT.
THINK OF HOW MUCH POWER YOU COULD HAVE IF YOU LET US TRAIN YOU!
AND REMEMBER THIS...

WE DEVELOPED THE PILL, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE WHERE THAT ONE CAME FROM!
IF YOU GO...
...WHERE CAN YOU RUN TO?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
I... I CAN WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER!
OH, REALLY?
COME WITH ME NOW. ACCEPT WHAT YOU ARE...

... NUMBER 41!
NUMBER ... 41...?
BUDDA BUDDABU
PRECISELY!

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